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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *7-16-56*

DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

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Boardman	_____
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Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1956

Bul 1002 - Emergency Headquarters for SAGE.

Attached is an amended page 1 and new pages 1A, 1B and an amended page 2 to the ~~over-all~~ Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956. These pages are being amended to include information taken from the Office of Defense Mobilization Briefing For Operation Alert 1956 and to outline the Department of Justice problems presented to the Office of Defense Mobilization for use during Operation Alert 1956. Copy #134 of the ODM Briefing For Operation Alert 1956 is attached as exhibit A for the Director's copy of the over-all plan only.

ACTION:

If the Director approves, the above-mentioned pages will be inserted in the Bureau's over-all plan for Operation Alert 1956.

JEM:uec
(12)
Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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LIAISON

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *7-16-56*

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS--OPERATION ALERT 1956 *McArdle*

Tolson _____
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 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

The following amended pages for the over-all Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956 are attached. These pages are to be inserted in the above-captioned document.

Pages 7 and 7A--Submitted to reflect the submission of inspection reports during the course of the operation. Page 7A is new. *Rosen*

Page 10--This page revised to reflect that employees on night shift will be permitted to eat between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. as is convenient.

Page 12--Changed to show that Mr. McGuire will sleep [redacted] and Mr. McDougal will sleep [redacted]

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Page 13--Revised to show Miss Wright will sleep [redacted] and Miss Stanhagen and Miss Bowie will sleep [redacted] Miss Wright will [redacted]

Page 33--Revised to show that [redacted] will spend the entire period at the relocation site and that [redacted] will be in charge of the Records and Communications Division staff.

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Page 34--~~Being~~ Amended to reflect that [redacted] appointed to represent ODM, that [redacted] will inspect the interagency communications system sometime during the course of the exercise and that Miss Wright will replace Mrs. Mahaffey as a switchboard operator.

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Page 35--Corrected to reflect [redacted] will have responsibilities in the records section staff.

JEM:awj (12)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland *134*
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

Enclosures

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

Page 44--The note at bottom of page changed to show a list of field relocation sites to be used during the course of the exercise and a list of SAC's who have been excused from participation on the date shown. Both lists should be attached to page 44.

Page 89--Revised to show that a [redacted] is to be installed before 7/20/56, and that agency heads may use the [redacted] to contact each other subject to being cut off if the President desires to use [redacted]

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Page 89A--New page to reflect information relative to the [redacted]

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Page 92--~~Being~~ Revised to show that a [redacted] from 3:10 to 3:25 on 7/20/56. This test will not affect Bureau operations.

ACTION:

That each individual receiving a copy of this memorandum insert the above pages in the Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956.

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WILL BE inserted
AFTER DIRECTOR Sees-
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Done
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7-16-56

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *1/3/56*

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS--OPERATION ALERT 1956

Re my memo 7/5/56 captioned as above, pointing out, among other things, that the Bureau's files will be checked on [redacted] as soon as identifiable data on him can be obtained. [redacted] will be the [redacted]

facilities of the Bureau at our relocation site sometime during Operation Alert 1956.

Mr. O. H. Bartlett of the Liaison Section ascertained from the Office of Defense Mobilization that [redacted] was born Pittsfield, Massachusetts, [redacted] and that he is in possession of a top secret cryptographic clearance dated September 19, 1955. No information identifiable with [redacted] was located in the Bureau records.

ACTION:

(1) For your information.

(2) Pertinent portions of the foregoing memo will be inserted in the over-all plan for Operation Alert 1956.

JEM:awj (9)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mason, Attention Mr. Sloan
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons, Attention Mr. Downing
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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LIAISON

Tolson ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mason ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Nease ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

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McArdle
Downing
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JUL 31 1956

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman

DATE: July 6, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mason _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Nease _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

You will recall that the [redacted]
 has instructed the [redacted]
 to have a [redacted]
 [redacted] Inasmuch as
 the Director may be called to [redacted]
 during Operation Alert, 1956, it may be desirable to
 have SAC [redacted] make appropriate contact at the
 [redacted] in order to insure that an [redacted]
 [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SAC [redacted] make appropriate
 contact at the [redacted] in an effort
 to make certain that a [redacted]
 [redacted]

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JEM:aeu (7)

- 1- Mr. Nichols
- 1- Mr. Boardman
- 1- Mr. Belmont
- 1- Mr. Parsons
- 1- Liaison
- 1- Mr. McArdle

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SAC, [redacted]

July 13, 1956

Director, FBI

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DUPES
COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU TELETYPE UNIT

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Following listed cryptomaterial distributed by [redacted]
[redacted] being forwarded separately to [redacted]
[redacted] for retention with similar material previously furnished:

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] together with key lists noted above,
are for use [redacted]

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You should advise FBI Laboratory when this material is received.

ADDENDUM FOR YELLOW:

Above listed items given to L. E. WERRY,
Communications Section, 7/13/56 for personal delivery to [redacted]

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(IWN personally checked distribution 7/12/56)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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 Belmont ☒
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 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____ b7E
 Gandy _____

We have considered the question as to whether we should take along on Operation Alert, 1956, one of

[REDACTED]

There are available to us at our relocation site

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, we will not include in the personnel

[REDACTED]

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CEH:LL *cc*

(7)

cc--Mr. Boardman
 cc--Mr. Nichols
 cc--Mr. Holloman
 cc--Mr. Belmont
 cc--Mr. Roach
 cc--Mr. McArdle

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1 - section tickler
1 - Mr. McArdle

SAC, New York

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July 14, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

HIGHLIGHTS OF
REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT DEFENSE PLANS
FOR THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 4/4/2010

Enclosed is Insert #10 for Highlights of Review of Government Defense Plans for the Chain of Command. It is the Bureau's desire after having inserted these pages in their appropriate places in captioned document that you advise the Bureau, attention: Liaison Section, by routing slip that this has been done.

In addition to Insert #10 above mentioned there is a divider entitled Defense Plans General to replace the divider entitled War Plans General, and a label for the front of the volume reflecting the change of title from War Plans to Defense Plans.

Enclosure

1 - Chicago (with enclosure)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Baltimore (with enclosure)

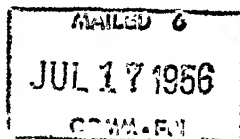
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NOTE: Intra-Bureau communications are normally not classified; however, the highly confidential nature of the information contained in the attached documents make it desirable to classify this communication.

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Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

Plans - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

Attached is an amended Table of Contents together with 2 new pages (94 and 95) for the over-all Bureau plan for OPERATION ALERT, 1956.

The Table of Contents is being amended to reflect Tab 10, Department of Justice relocation site duty schedule for OPERATION ALERT, 1956. Pages 94 and 95 are the duty schedule above mentioned as it now stands. John Airhart, relocation officer of the Department, has advised that there will undoubtedly be changes in this schedule in the near future. As changes are received from Airhart, appropriate changes will be made in the Bureau's over-all plan for OPERATION ALERT, 1956

RECOMMENDATION

If the Director approves, the above amended Table of Contents and pages 94 and 95 above mentioned will be inserted in the Bureau's over-all plan for OPERATION ALERT, 1956.

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(12)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *SPW*

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING,
JULY 20, 1956

Tamm	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

At 11:10 a.m., July 17, Russell Ash, Pat Coyne's assistant, telephoned and advised that it had been decided that the [redacted] National Security Council meeting on July 20, 1956. Ash stated that no time had yet been fixed for this meeting, but that a letter of invitation would be forwarded to the Director today.

As indicated in an earlier memorandum today, Pat Coyne has advised that this [redacted] is actually being arranged by the [redacted] Coyne reported in confidence that [redacted] seemed to be very confused about what they wanted and the situation in general appeared to be badly fouled up.

ACTION:

We will continue to try to secure additional information about this meeting which, according to our information to date, will be devoted entirely to [redacted]

GAD:hke *hke*

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1-Mr. Holloman
1-Mr. Boardman
1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. McARDLE
1-Mr. Day
1-Liaison Section

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CC: Mr. McArdle
Mr. Gauthier

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SAC,

July 16, 1956

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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BUPLANS

Emergency Headquarters for S.O.G.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 22, 1955, in which certain information concerning the Special Agents' Insurance Fund and the Charles S. Ross Fund was set out. Since, in accordance with Bureau instructions, these records are now being maintained this information is being directed to you for inclusion in the confidential records repository.

By letter dated July 30, 1952, the Bureau transmitted a schedule of bonds purchased for the Special Agents' Insurance Fund and the Charles S. Ross Fund to the Omaha Office and the above schedule is now in possession of your office. The schedule of bonds referred to above is no longer up-to-date and there is contained herein a listing of all bonds purchased for the Special Agents' Insurance Fund and the Charles S. Ross Fund:

As of the close of business June 30, 1956, the Special Agents' Insurance Fund maintained the following accounts:

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BANK

BOOK NUMBER

AMOUNT

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Tolson _____
Nichols _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
Mason _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
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Tamm _____
Nease _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

SAC

July 13, 1956

BONDS - SPECIAL AGENTS' INSURANCE FUND

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERIES</u>	<u>BOND NUMBER</u>	<u>FULL VALUE</u>

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All Special Agents were members of the Special Agents' Insurance Fund at the close of business June 30, 1956, with the following exceptions:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT</u>
O'Brien, John J.	New York
Sullivan, James V.	Baltimore

SAC,

July 13, 1956

As of the close of business June 30, 1956, the Charles S. Ross Fund maintained the following account:

BANK

BOOK NUMBER

AMOUNT

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BONDS - CHARLES S. ROSS FUND

DATE

SERIES

BOND NUMBER

FULL VALUE

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July 3, 1956

66-17271-

Mr. R. William Morris
Executive Secretary
New York State Association of
Chiefs of Police
Post Office Box 991
Syracuse 1, New York

Dear Mr. Morris:

It is necessary for me to communicate with you in connection with the designation of Assistant Director E. D. Mason to speak before the Fifty-sixth Annual Conference of your group in Elmira, New York, later this month since a last-minute emergency has come up which will demand his presence in Washington during the period of the conference.

I am indeed pleased, however, to advise that Inspector Jephtha S. Rogers of our Training and Inspection Division will be available at this time and will handle the speaking engagement for Mr. Mason. I am enclosing a biographical sketch of him which might be useful.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Biographical sketch of Mr. Rogers.

cc - Mr. Rogers, Room 5232

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Harbo
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Sizoo
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

NOTE: Morris is a graduate of the 21st Session FBI NA and an SAC Contact of the Albany Office. See Mason to Tolson memorandum dated June 27, 1956, captioned "Vacation Schedule, Training and Inspection Division," EDM:wmj. By letter of February 15, 1956, Mr. Morris requested a Bureau representa-

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *6/18/56*

DATE: June 25, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *[Signature]*

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 Holloman _____
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SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

OPERATION ALERT - 1956

By memorandum dated June 18, 1956, the Attorney General advised that he was holding a conference on Wednesday, July 11, 1956, at 10:00 A.M. in his office. He requested the Director's attendance and participation in the discussion, to be led by Mr. Rankin, on the Attorney General's Portfolio. He indicated that this conference will be designed to give those attending a briefing preparatory to the forthcoming Operation Alert scheduled for July 20-26, 1956.

The Director requested that he be furnished with material he might need for such a conference.

attached
 Attached is a brief for use by the Director. This brief contains a brief summary of the pertinent portions of the Attorney General's Portfolio. It is noted therein that there are no matters unresolved regarding the procedures to be followed by this Bureau in handling its responsibilities under Parts I, II and III of the revised Portfolio. We do comment, however, specifically regarding the problem raised by the declaration of martial law during Operation Alert - 1955 and the unresolved question regarding the departmental chain of command.

We have included therein a brief summary of the over-all Bureau plans for Operation Alert - 1956. A complete brief of our plans has been submitted for the Director's use in Operation Alert - 1956. We have also commented upon attack warning channels and procedures for civilians which may be a subject of discussion at the forthcoming conference.

Any changes that occur in connection with this material prior to the date of the conference will immediately be called to the Director's attention.

Enclosure *notation made above*

cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
 cc - Mr. Holloman
 cc - Mr. McArdle
 cc - Mr. Rosen

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TDR:pjm
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Men waiting for Mr. Boardman

ACTION:

This is submitted in accordance with the Director's request.

Handwritten signatures and initials are present at the bottom of the page, including "TDR" and "Jad".

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 9, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO
OPERATION ALERT, 1956

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
Mohr	_____
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On memorandum dated 7-5-56 relative to Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) plans for the inspection of Bureau participation in OPERATION ALERT, 1956, the Director noted, "See that substance is included in memo for my use at A.G. conf. July 11. H."

Enclosed is an amended Table of Contents page adding Items D and E of Part II to the brief attached to the memorandum captioned as above dated 6-25-56.

There are also enclosed new pages 14 and 15 for the above-mentioned brief. New page 14 sets forth information relative to the inspection of OPERATION ALERT, 1956, by Office of Defense Mobilization representatives. New page 15 sets forth conferences which the Director may be invited to attend during OPERATION ALERT, 1956.

ACTION:

If the Director approves, the above-mentioned amended page and new pages 14 and 15 will be inserted in the Director's brief.

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Rushing
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

Enclosure

TO JUL 19 1956

LIAISON

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

RELOCATION OF PRESIDENT
AND WHITE HOUSE STAFFSupplans - Emergency Headquarters for S.O.G.

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
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Mohr	_____
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Referral/Consult

ACTION:

None. The above is for information. It is being appropriately noted in the Director's brief.

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1-Belmont
1-Holloman
1-McArdle
1-Bartlett
1-Roach
1-Tickler

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/17/56

FROM : E. D. MASON

SUBJECT:

BUPLANS

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

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 Boardman _____
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 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

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ACTION: None. Informative.HLS:hd
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CC - Messrs. Nichols
 Boardman
 Belmont
 Parsons
 Liaison Section
 J. McArdle

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Liaison

~~SECRET~~

cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Branigan
cc - Mr. Bland

Assistant Attorney General
J. Lee Rankin

July 16, 1956

cc - Mr. McArdle
cc - Mr. Rushing

Director, FBI

OPERATION ALERT - 1956

This Bureau has received a document classified "~~Secret~~" issued by the Office of Defense Mobilization entitled "Briefing for Operation Alert - 1956 (Revised)" dated July 11, 1956.

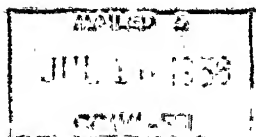
On page eight thereof, in listing the actions which the President would take on E-Day, item eight states "Issue proclamation giving Secretary of State authority to control entry into and departure from the U.S. of all persons both citizens and aliens including detention of diplomatic and official representatives." The agencies responsible for the preparation of this proclamation are Department of State and Department of Justice.

You may wish to point out to the Office of Defense Mobilization that such a proclamation should provide only for the detention of enemy diplomatic and official representatives.

YELLOW: Enclosure to memo to Boardman from Belmont dated 7/14/56, same caption, TDR:pjm:vms.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT:

BUPLANS

OPERATION ALERT - 1956

EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS FOR S.O.G.

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On July 17, 1956, Liaison obtained five copies of a pamphlet from Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) entitled "Operational Assignments from Office of Defense Mobilization and Federal Civil Defense Administration for Operation Alert 1956."

The memorandum at the beginning of this pamphlet, which is signed by Arthur S. Flemming, Director, ODM, and Val Peterson, Administrator, Federal Civil Defense Administration, explains that this pamphlet incorporates planning assumptions for Operation Alert - 1956, and gives specific operational assignments to certain of the Federal agencies. The Bureau is not involved in any specific assignment as result of the issuance of this document. The memorandum explains that existing delegations remain in effect. For your information there is enclosed one copy of the above-described pamphlet. The other four copies will be retained by the Defense Plans Coordinator in the Liaison Section.

ACTION:

For your information.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: BUPLANS OPERATION ALERT, 1956E. Agency Headquarters For S.O.G.

Remymemo 7/16/56, reflecting the results of the interagency planning group meeting on 7/16, where members of the group were briefed by Dr. Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Management.

I talked with John Airhart of the Department this morning. Dr. Flemming referred to an "enlarged" NSC meeting at the beginning of the test on July 20th, time and place to be announced later. Mr. Airhart stated it was his understanding this meeting would be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday morning, 7/20, and the participants would proceed direct from the meeting to their relocation sites. The invitations have not yet been extended. We are checking to see whether an invitation will be extended to the Bureau.* A memorandum for the Director's use, in the event we attend, is in preparation.

Flemming stated that the heads of agencies should return to their relocation sites on Tuesday, 7/24. Airhart said he had talked with the Attorney General last night, and the AG said that at the cabinet meeting referred to by Flemming, on 7/13, it was left up to the agency heads to decide whether they should return to their relocation sites on 7/24. Airhart said that the AG had decided he would [redacted] on July 24th.

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Referral/Consult

cc Mr. Holloman
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

Mr. Nichols
Mr. McArdle

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1956

Plans - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

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During Operation Alert 1955 in order to be sure that ODM did not spring a surprise on us we sent [redacted] on the evening preceding the alert [redacted] Section Chiefs and [redacted] Supervisors together with two stenographers in order that they could handle any emergency matters that arose prior to the arrival of the personnel being evacuated under the test. In view of ODM's position now, we should again arrange to send a qualified Section Chief together with sufficient personnel who could handle emergency matters should they arise. We should do this [redacted] Rogers proceeds to the Department's relocation site [redacted]

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ACTION:

If you agree, we will plan along these lines.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Branigan
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. McArdle

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 [Signature]

July 11, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

Emergency - 12-1-56
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This morning I attended a conference in the office of the Attorney General at which were present the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Rogers, and Assistant Attorneys General Rankin, Tompkins, Morton and Olney. Also present were Mr. Airhart, the Departmental representative for relocation, and representatives

Mr. Morton opened the conference by taking up the Attorney General's Portfolio and outlining the same in some detail.

Mr. Rankin pointed out that Part I of the Portfolio dealt with the action to be taken without declaration of war, while Part II of the Portfolio dealt with the action which would be taken contingent upon the formal declaration of war.

Mr. Rankin pointed out that Part I of the Portfolio applied to persons to be apprehended who are aliens or citizens and pose a threat to the security of the nation. Part II of the Portfolio applied to aliens who were not considered a threat to the security of the nation and Part III of the Portfolio applied to apprehension of aliens deemed dangerous to the security of the nation.

Mr. Rankin also pointed out that the Portfolio contains a detailed memorandum dealing with the writ of habeas corpus and concludes that the President has the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus without Congressional action.

Mr. Rankin also pointed out that the Portfolio contains a memorandum dealing with the problem of the seizure of property of any kind from anybody who may pose a threat to the security of the nation.

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Some question was raised by the Attorney General as to the procedure in World War II and I have asked Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich to let me have a memorandum as to any instances which arose in World War II where enemy aliens who were arrested under the Presidential Proclamation later sought writs of habeas corpus, and if so, what was the disposition of such cases.

Mr. Rankin further pointed out that the Portfolio contained a memorandum dealing with the Chinese Communist problem and, in particular, with the Formosa situation.

Mr. Rankin pointed out also that the Portfolio contained a detailed study as to aspects of martial law which would henceforth be referred to as martial rule in view of the fact that this was a broader and more appropriate term. Mr. Rankin stated that in a few days there would be forwarded for inclusion in the Portfolio a new memorandum on martial rule in which there would be stressed the national necessity that would justify the establishment of martial rule, as well as the conditions under which it should be ended.

Mr. Rankin also pointed out that the Portfolio contained an outline of procedure for the apprehension of persons and property.

The Attorney General raised a question as to whether martial rule was to be utilized during the forthcoming Operation Alert and exactly what functions the Army would perform insofar as this affected the FBI. He directed Mr. Airhart and a representative from this Bureau to confer with the Office of Defense Mobilization so that the details of this might be clarified. The Attorney General also mentioned that he understood that an agreement had been entered into by the Department of Defense, the Office of Civil Defense and the Office of Defense Mobilization which, in general, dealt with this problem. I have alerted Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich relative to the above and instructed that Mr. Hennrich should contact Mr. Airhart if he does not hear from him shortly so that Mr. Airhart and a representative of the Bureau may carry forth the conference which the Attorney General desires. I have also asked Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich to procure for me a copy of the agreement, if it is available, which has been entered into by the Department of Defense, the Office of Civil Defense and the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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Mr. Rankin pointed out that the Master Warrant was not in the Portfolio but was in the possession of Mr. William Foley in Mr. Tompkins' office. The Attorney General questioned the reason why it should not be put into the main Portfolio and copies in all the others and it was agreed that this should be done and we will, no doubt, receive in a few days the copies of the Master Warrant which we should incorporate in the two copies of the Portfolio which we have.

Mr. Airhart advised the conference in general detail of the procedures to be followed on Friday, July 20, when the alert is to be sounded at 11:00 am. In answer to a question as to whether the Chain of Command would be notified, Mr. Airhart stated it would not, but that the sounding of the sirens would be indication to start procedures incident to the evacuation. It was indicated that the Attorney General would proceed [redacted] accompanied by Mr. Rankin, and that subsequent to his arrival [redacted] he might then be called [redacted] but that he would not on this forthcoming Alert proceed [redacted] under the present arrangements.

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The Attorney General raised the question as to when the procedures outlined in the Portfolio would be implemented, namely, whether at 11:00 am or whether after arrival at the relocation centers. The Attorney General observed that to await arrival at the relocation centers was not realistic. The Attorney General asked that Mr. Airhart clarify this matter with Mr. Flemming, the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, and it was the Attorney General's view, at least as of this time, that the Director of the FBI would communicate with the Attorney General immediately upon the sounding of the Alert and recommend whatever section of the Portfolio which, in the judgment of the FBI, should be utilized and that then the Attorney General would communicate with the President, obtain clearance and at once notify the FBI. I have orally advised Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich of this development in order that we may be properly prepared.

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Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont, Nichols

July 11, 1956

[redacted] I have asked Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich to make

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At the conference this morning reference was made to a memorandum which had been distributed to various divisions of the Department, setting forth the duty schedule of the Attorney General and those acting in his place [redacted] I have learned that I had not received this schedule, but was informed by Mr. Airhart that a copy had been delivered to Mr. Belmont's office. Upon my return to the office, I conferred with Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hennrich and ascertained to my chagrin that a copy of this memorandum was delivered to Mr. McArdle at 4:30 pm on July 9, and had not been called to the attention of Mr. Boardman or Mr. Hennrich or myself, notwithstanding it was known I was to attend a conference in the Attorney General's office at 10:00 am on July 11. I have asked for written explanations as to this marked deficiency in operations in Mr. Belmont's Division.

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I brought up the question at the conference with the Attorney General that the Bureau had received but two copies of the Portfolio and that we had not received the third copy which was to be sent to our [redacted] to be held, as I understood the Portfolio had not been formally approved. This was a surprise to the Attorney General and he advised Mr. Rankin that he as of that moment formally approved the Portfolio. The obtaining of the third copy should in due time be followed up with Mr. Rankin so we may have it.

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I also mentioned that there had not been a final determination upon the Chain of Command and the Attorney General stated that so far as the forthcoming alert was concerned, the memorandum last sent to us which, I believe, was in December, 1955, would be the one that would guide us as to the Chain of Command.

Deputy Attorney General Rogers indicated that he was not at all satisfied with the organization for the forthcoming Alert insofar as it applied to the Department, as he did not believe it was clear as to what each one would do or how the various problems would be handled. I took occasion to point out the plans of the Bureau and how we intended to proceed and apparently it was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Rogers suggested

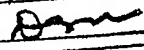
Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont, Nichols

July 11, 1956

that Mr. Rankin, Mr. Morton, Mr. Yeagley and Mr. Airhart confer tomorrow, Thursday, July 12, in the afternoon so as to try and work out some semblance of specific procedures to be followed by the Department. If there arise any aspects affecting the Bureau, or on which advice from the Bureau is desired, Mr. Rogers will communicate with me.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME	10:02 AM
DATE	7-12-56
BY	

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *1-14-56*

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

Explanations - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

Tolson	_____
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Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
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On the evening of July 12, 1956, Mr. Hennrich and Mr. Bland conferred further with Mr. John Airhart of the Department in an effort to resolve the question of martial law (martial rule) and the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) military assistance program insofar as they apply to FBI operations. Airhart is of the opinion that further negotiations with the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) in an effort to clarify either of these problems is futile and he has recommended to the Attorney General that Department representatives together with FBI representatives attempt to resolve these questions by direct liaison with Department of Defense and FCDA. The following is the net result of our conference:

1. Martial Law (Martial Rule)

Airhart stated that martial rule is merely another name for martial law. The new name resulted from press criticism of the President's reference to martial law during Operation Alert 1955. Essentially there is no difference. There has been no clarification of the Bureau's position should martial rule be invoked. While ODM planning does not contemplate this, it is possible that a military commander will invoke it on his own responsibility. Under present instructions from the Department we will abide by the instructions of the military commander and in the event of a conflict with our operations, under the Attorney General's instructions, we will resolve any problems with the Attorney General. If the Attorney General approves Airhart's recommendation that Department representatives together with FBI representatives attempt to resolve the problem directly with the Secretary of Defense, we recommend that the FBI continue its position that this is strictly the Department's problem and we should press them to get clarification as to just what FBI jurisdiction will be under martial rule, particularly as to the Emergency Detention Program.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Hennrich
 Mr. Sizoo
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. McArdle *W*

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2. Military Assistance Program

This is the program referred to by General Paul on July 11 which provides for the Secretary of Defense to provide military assistance to civil authority by proclamation and executive order. This is the agreement which was referred to in the Attorney General's conference which the Director attended on the morning of July 11. General Paul of ODM states that while this agreement has been drawn up it has not been fully resolved. He indicated he would make a copy available to Justice. Airhart feels that there is some reluctance on the part of ODM to furnish this agreement.

The military assistance agreement, above referred to, will be implemented by proclamation. Airhart states that Justice has been collaborating and drawing up such a proclamation which is presently very much unresolved and consists of correspondence between ODM and Justice. Airhart said that he has determined that when General Paul referred to Justice collaborating on the military assistance agreement he was referring actually to this proclamation and not to the actual agreement.

Both the military assistance agreement and the proclamation putting it into effect are a part of an over-all implementing document which will federalize state civil defense agencies in an emergency and give them authority to coordinate and direct military assistance and establish such other emergency measures as are necessary to control and maintain order under emergency conditions. Airhart stated that there are undoubtedly a number of ODM and FCDA documents which have been drawn up and approved which relate to the over-all authority to be granted to FCDA in an emergency, many of which have not been submitted to the Justice Department for an opinion as to legality. He said that Justice has specifically requested ODM to submit such papers for review. He is not optimistic as to the response which ODM will give.

Airhart stated he has recommended to the Attorney General that the question of resolving just what the FBI's operational position would be under emergency conditions when FCDA is in command should be worked out through direct liaison with FCDA by Department representatives accompanied by a representative of the FBI. We feel that if the Attorney General approves Airhart's recommendation that the FBI should accompany Justice representatives in an effort to resolve the specific question as to the FBI's operational position, under conditions where FCDA is in over-all authority.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Airhart stated confidentially to Hennrich on the afternoon of July 12 that at the conference with Rogers which lasted from 2 p.m. until almost 5 p.m. he had spent the entire time informing other officials of the Department as to the contents of the briefing on Operation Alert 1956 all of whom had received such material for review and few, if any of whom, had even read it. Airhart was most complimentary of the Director on the Director's grasp and detailed knowledge of planning and procedures.

ACTION:

We are maintaining close contact with Airhart in order to resolve pending questions as promptly as possible.

AS *[initials]* ✓ ~~7-1~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS -
OPERATION ALERT - 1956Plans - Emergency Headquarters For S.A.G.

The Director has requested a memorandum showing who is going [] for Operation Alert - 1956. The identities of these individuals is to be shown by Division.

The following is a list of individuals going to [] for Operation Alert - 1956:

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
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 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
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 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
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cc - Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Mason
 Mr. Rosen
 Section Tickler
 Mr. McArdle

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 7-17, 1956

TO:

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____ Director
____ Mr. Nichols
____ Mr. Boardman
____ ~~Mr. Belmont~~ *an B's*
____ ~~Mr. Mason~~
____ ~~Mr. Mohr~~
____ Mr. Rosen
____ Mr. Tamm
____ Mr. Parsons
____ Mr. Nease
____ Mr. Holloman
____ Miss Gandy
____ Personnel Files Section
____ Records Section
____ Mrs. Skillman
____ Mrs. Brown

See Me

For appropriate action

Send File

Note and Return

I see no need for

Mason to go

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agent

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Clyde Tolson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: *July 18, 1956*

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

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Our present arrangements call for [redacted] Agents to relocate with the agencies that they normally do business with. One of these assignments is that Supervisor Bates is scheduled to relocate with the [redacted] [redacted] who will be going [redacted]

You will recall it was necessary to have Mr. Bates return from annual leave so that he could make a [redacted]

Mr. Bates has returned to Washington, D. C., today and is preparing his report. As you know, Mrs. Bates recently underwent a major operation and is confined to her home recuperating. Due to urgent domestic responsibilities placed on Mr. Bates, his situation at home would be aggravated if he were to be sent [redacted] on [redacted] b7E

We have an available Liaison Agent who is acquainted with [redacted] namely, Supervisor Bernard A. Wells. Wells is the regular liaison man with [redacted] one of these agencies is relocating.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Agent Bates, as soon as he has submitted his survey report, be permitted to return to annual leave and that [REDACTED]

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Roach
1 - Ticker

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : *Wes* L. E. Wherry, Jr.

DATE: July 18, 1956

SUBJECT: BUPLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1956

EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS FOR S.O.G.

You have been previously advised that ODM will provide communication liaison officers to be assigned to the various relocation sites during Operation Alert 1956 if the agency so desires.

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We have informally advised the [redacted]

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entire Operation Alert 1956. Present ODM plans call for communication liaison officers to visit each relocation site at some time during Operation Alert 1956 for the purpose of evaluating the facilities, etc.

[redacted] contacted the [redacted]

[redacted] headquarters and was advised that Monday, July 23 would be satisfactory.

For your information, [redacted] of the [redacted] will report to the Bureau's Relocation Headquarters at approximately 10 A.M., Monday, July 23 next for the purpose of evaluating the Bureau's requirements with respect to [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information purposes.

- 1 - Mr. McGuire
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Roach
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*

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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

July 20-26

Bul 1-2-5 - Emergency Headquarters
 For SOG.

This memorandum will replace the summary memorandum dated June 15, 1956, prepared as a recapitulation of the over-all Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956.

Dates:

July 20-26, 1956;

Place:

[Redacted]

Time:

10:00 a.m., EST, 7-20-56 - anticipated time of receipt of alert instituting exercise.* We anticipate starting activities at the relocation site approximately 1 hr. 25 min. later. Test will terminate 11:00 a.m., EST, 7-26-56;

Personnel:

[Redacted] It is anticipated that some of these employees can [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Security:

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

* 11:00 AM local time. May be 11:08 AM by time outside sirens and inside horns are sounded.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *to*

DATE: July 18, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *Q*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1956

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Headquarters
 The following amended pages for the over-all Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956 are attached. These pages are to be inserted in the above-captioned document, and the old pages destroyed:

Pages 1, 1a, 1b, 1c and 2 - revised to show change in dates of the operation, to include data from revised edition of ODM "Briefing for Operation Alert 1956." and to include a

Page 3 - revised to reflect reduction in personnel going to relocation site and Bureau Liaison representatives at other agencies.

Pages 4 and 5 - revised to reflect changes in martial rule situation.

Page 7 - revised to reflect change in the time in which reports are to be submitted.

Pages 12, 13, 32, 33, 35, 36, 41 and 43 - all revised because of changes in personnel scheduled to go to the relocation site.

Page 54 - revised to reflect the use of the words "alternate headquarters" rather than the word [redacted]

Page 60 - revised to reflect [redacted] should be used between field offices [redacted]

Page 65 - revised to change availability checks originally assigned to Wednesday, July 25, to Sunday and Monday, July 22 and 23.

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Holloman
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Branigan

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Memorandum for Mr. E. V. Boardman

*Page 72 - revised to reflect [redacted] should be used
between field offices [redacted]*

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*Pages 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 - revision necessary because
of change in closing date of exercise.*

*Page 90 - revised to reflect [redacted]
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*Page 93 - revised to reflect the identities of the individuals
who will be in charge of the various Divisions at Seat of
Government during Operation Alert 1956.*

*Pages 94 and 95 - revised to reflect [redacted]
[redacted]*

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*various shifts at the Department relocation site during the
exercise.*

ACTION:

*Each individual receiving a copy of this memorandum
is requested to insert the above pages in their proper place
in the over-all Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956.*

*RB
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*

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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

Explains - Emergency Headquarters for S.O.G.
 Mr. John Airhart of the Department telephonically contacted Supervisor McArdle at 10:55 a.m. today in your absence. Airhart stated he had just learned there had been a meeting at ODM 7/18/56 at which a representative of Mr. Rankin's Office in the Department had been in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a "book of documents" that ODM is putting out for use during Operation Alert 1956. According to Airhart, some of the documents in the [redacted] b7E

Bureau Liaison was advised by ODM late yesterday afternoon that they were then compiling ~~the~~ so-called "book of documents" and that as soon as copies were available, they would be furnished to us. Liaison Agent Bartlett has been at ODM all morning and as of 1:00 p.m. today the documents are not yet ready.

ACTION:

We will get these documents and will immediately analyze them to see if those proclamations, etc. that are of interest to us are included and in what form. You will be kept informed of developments.

RRR:mls (4)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Section Tickler

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *7/12/56*

DATE: July 11, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *W*SUBJECT: *X* OPERATION ALERT, 1956
PUBLIC INFORMATION*Boylons - Emergency**Headquarters Foreign*

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Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boardman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mason	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mohr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parsons	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Nease	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) release to the heads of Executive departments and agencies, dated 6-12-56, a copy of which is attached, sets forth the manner in which public information should be made available to news agencies during OPERATION ALERT, 1956. All news releases are to be transmitted to "switchboard," the public information office [redacted] which agency will in turn digest the information and transmit such items as they desire to release to [redacted] where it will be released. b7E

Although the Bureau does not intend to make any news releases during OPERATION ALERT, 1956, Item 10 of the above-mentioned ODM instructions stated that a public information officer should be available at each relocation center during the entire exercise, both day and night, and that his name, telephone extension, and place of duty should be communicated to "switchboard" as his tour of duty begins. This is to insure that all queries can be answered promptly. It is believed that Mr. Nichols or person acting for him at the relocation site should be designated as the public information officer to answer such inquiries as "switchboard" may present to the Bureau during the course of the exercise.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Nichols or person acting for him at the relocation site be designated as the public information officer to accept and answer inquiries from the press (switchboard) during OPERATION ALERT, 1956.

- JEM:dje*
(9)
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
 - 1 - Mr. Boardman
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. Mason
 - 1 - Mr. Parsons
 - 1 - Section tickler
 - 1 - Mr. McArdle

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ENCLOSURE JUL 31 1956

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: July 17, 1956

Explains Emergency Headquarters For SIOG

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956
PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Boardman _____
Belmont _____
Mason _____
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Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Reference is made to Mr. Belmont's memorandum to Mr. Boardman dated July 11, 1956, recommending that I, or the person acting for me [redacted] be designated as the Public Information Officer during Operation Alert to handle inquiries from the press [redacted]

[redacted] relayed to the Bureau by "switchboard" [redacted] It is noted all news releases concerning both the exercise itself as well as non-exercise items are to be given to the press [redacted] through switchboard and not through normal news outlets in Washington.

Mr. McGuire saw Mr. Mullen on the afternoon of July 16, regarding this matter and also referred to the letter from Murray Snyder, Assistant Press Secretary to the President, addressed to all executive departments and agencies dated July 5, 1956, amending previous memoranda regarding the handling of press information during Operation Alert. Mullen stated that he was late today writing a letter to Snyder and would furnish a copy of it to the Bureau suggesting to Snyder that all press inquiries [redacted] destined for the Justice Department or any of its agencies, including the FBI, be directed by switchboard to Mullen at the Justice relocation site [redacted] Mullen advised that he would handle the inquiries [redacted] and should there be need to consult the Bureau, he will call my office here in Washington regarding any matter pertaining to the FBI since I will be here in Washington and not [redacted] Mullen's reason for that is that it is not anticipated that any releases of information regarding the exercises themselves will be made by either the FBI or the Justice Department since our functions involve classified operations.

As to non-exercise news items arising in the criminal field such as the apprehension of the top ten fugitive or a shooting, if there is need to make an immediate press release from Washington, Mullen suggests that I or whoever is acting for me here in Washington where the facts will be available call him by telephone [redacted] and provide him with a short statement not to exceed 10 lines regarding the incident.

JJM:hpf

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Enclosure

cc - Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. McArdle

SAC [redacted]

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Memo to Mr. Tolson

Mullen advised that in such an instance he will tell the Bureau to go right ahead and make its press release in the area where the incident occurs as well as from Washington through normal news outlets and all he need be provided with is a 10 line statement which he will furnish to switchboard for dissemination [] and he would try to have the time coincide with the actual releasing of the information by the Bureau in Washington. b7E

It is noted that these arrangements are only necessary during the period 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, July 20, through 11:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday, July 23, 1956, and that thereafter the usual Washington news outlets are to be used. Mullen further advised that there is no need for encrypting any news releases which are furnished to him for dissemination through switchboard [] as such for the present should be in clear text. Therefore, if the Bureau has any press releases to make during this initial period of Operation Alert, it will be our responsibility to contact Mullen [] and furnish him a short statement for dissemination and thereafter make the release as he directs ~~at~~ by the Bureau in Washington or in the field. b7E

Should there be some mixup and press inquiries are directed by switchboard to our location [] Mr. McGuire will refer those items to me here at Washington and I will handle the matter through Mullen []
[]

Office Memorandum •

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 15, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956
JULY 20-26

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mason _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Nease _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Attached is the Bureau plan and summary thereof covering the Bureau's participation in Operation Alert 1956. This exercise will begin at 10:00 a.m., EST, July 20, 1956, and close at 11:00 a.m., July 26, 1956. The brief covers the activities to be engaged in by Bureau personnel, the manner in which the evacuation to the Bureau relocation site will be accomplished and the activities while at the relocation site.

Each division participating in this exercise is requested to prepare a separate memorandum at the end of the test reflecting any weaknesses in the operations which fall within their jurisdiction.

ACTION:

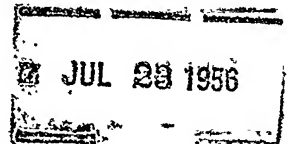
For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

Sect. tick.

Mr. Boardman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/16/56

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FROM : E. D. MASON

SUBJECT: BUPLANS
OPERATION ALERT - MENUS

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Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

There is enclosed for your approval. the menus which will be served For those employees entitled to per diem, the cost will be \$1.10 for breakfast and \$1.35 for the other meals. For those not on per diem, the cost will be 75¢. The meal clerk will have a list showing the employees entitled to per diem and will collect accordingly as they enter the dining room.

RECOMMENDATION:

The enclosed menus be approved.

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Friday July 20, 1956

Breakfast
Served from 7 - 9 A. M.

Chilled Apricots
Choice of cold cereal
Eggs any style
Country sausage
Cinnamon buns
Toast, butter & jelly
Coffee & Milk

Lunch
Served from 12 Noon to 2 P. M.

Broiled Swordfish Steak
Lemon Butter
Escalloped Tomatoes
Lima Beans
Cole Slaw
Lemon Tarts
Hot Corn Bread & Butter
Coffee, ice tea, or milk

Dinner
Served from 6 - 8 P. M.

Fruit Cup
~~Fried Spring Chicken~~
Baked Macaroni w/cheese
Spinach with sliced
hard boiled eggs
Cranberry Salad
Ice Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee and Ice Tea or
Milk

Saturday July 21, 1956

Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 A. M.

Orange Juice
Choice of Cereal
Eggs any style
Bacon
Toast, butter & jelly
Coffee & Milk

Lunch
12 Noon to 2 P. M.

Grilled Cube Steak
String Beans
Buttered Corn
Sliced Tomatoes
Home made pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 P. M.

Tomato Juice
Breaded Pork Chops
Gravy
Carrots & Peas
Lettuce & Tomato salad
Ice Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee & ice tea or milk

Sunday July 22, 1956

Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Orange Juice
Choice of Cereal
Eggs any Style
Country Sausage
Toast, Butter & jelly
Coffee & Milk

Lunch
12 Noon to 2 P. M.

Breaded Veal Cutlet
Tomato Sauce
AuGratin Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus
Banana Salad
Jello with cream with cake
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Ice Tea or milk

Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 P. M.
Buffet Supper

Cold Roast Beef
Cooked Salami
Sliced Cheese
Liverwurst
Bologna
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Sliced Tomatoes
Bread & Butter
Ice Cream
Coffee, ice tea or milk

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MONDAY July 23, 1956

Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 A. M.

Stewed Prunes
Choice of cold cereal
Eggs any style
Bacon
Hot Biscuits
Butter & Jelly
Coffee & Milk

Lunch
12 Noon - 2:00 P. M.

Roast Fresh Ham
Celery Dressing
Gravy
Mashed potatoes
Green Peas
Waldorf Salad
Home Made Pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 P. M.

Tomato Juice
~~Fried~~ ~~Oven Broiled~~ Chicken
Celery Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Fluffed Potatoes
Buttered Kale
Cranberry & lettuce
salad
Home made pie
Hot Biscuits & butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

TUESDAY July 24, 1956

Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 A. M.

Pineapple Juice
Choice of Cereal
Eggs any style
Canadian Bacon
Coffee cake
Toast, butter & jelly
Coffee & milk

Lunch
12 Noon - 2:00 P. M.

Chopped Sirloin Steak
Mushroom Sauce
French Fried Potatoes
String Beans
Deviled Egg Salad
Ice Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea, or milk

Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 P. M.

V-8 Juice
Grilled Ham Steaks
Raisin Sauce
Glazed Apples
Lima Beans
Pineapple - cheese salad
Ice Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

WEDNESDAY July 25, 1956

Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 A. M.

Orange Juice
Choice of Cereal
Eggs any style
Sausage
Toast, butter & jelly
Coffee & Milk

Lunch
12 Noon - 2:00 P. M.

Roast Sirloin of Beef
Gravy Au-Jus
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Stuffed Celery Salad
Home made pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea, or milk

Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 P. M.

Grapefruit juice
Grilled Pork Chops
Apple Sauce
Creamed Corn
Buttered Broccoli
Head Lettuce w/
Roquefort Cheese Dressing
Chocolate Pudding w/
Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

THURSDAY July 26, 1956

Breakfast

7:00 - 9:00 A. M.

Lunch

12 Noon - 2:00 P. M.

Dinner

6:00 - 8:00 P. M.

Chilled Apricots
Choice of Cereal
Eggs any style
Bacon
Cinnamon Twist
Toast, butter & jelly
Coffee & milk

Grilled Sirloin Steak
Mushroom Sauce
Oven Brown Potatoes
Green Peas
Tossed Salad
Ice Cream
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

Fruit cup
Baked Virginia Ham
Candied Yams
Brussel Sprouts
Pineapple Salad
Home made pie
Rolls & butter
Coffee, ice tea, or milk

MIDNIGHT LUNCH DAILY

Choice: Home made Soup
Fruit juice or tomato juice

Choice: Grilled Cube steak
Baked Virginia Ham
Breaded Veal Cutlet
Roast Beef

Choice of 2 Vegetables:

Garden Green Peas
French Fried Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Lima Beans
Sliced Tomatoes

Choice: Ice Cream
Sliced Peaches

Rolls & Butter
Coffee, ice tea or milk

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS *MR*

DATE: 7/18/56

FROM : W. G. EAMES *E*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____ b7E
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

In order to provide [redacted]

temporary headquarters, and other Government agencies
 participating in this alert, arrangements have been made

[redacted]

In connection with the alert starting Friday,
 July 20, 1956, it is anticipated that there may be need

[redacted]

The above is submitted for your information.

OGM:cal
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CC: Miss Gandy
 Mr. Holloman
 Mr. McGuire
 Mr. McArdle

Mr. Freund
 Mr. Wherry
 Mr. Linton

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *66-36*
7-20-56

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *9*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated July 17, 1956, from Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) addressed to the heads of executive departments and agencies concerning Operation Alert, 1956 - Public Information. This memorandum sets forth the press guide lines for Operation Alert plus information as to the reason for the test. This information has been furnished to representatives of the public media on July 16, 1956.

A copy of this memorandum has been made available to Mr. Nichols. There is no action to be taken by the Bureau as a result of this memorandum.

ACTION:

For your information. ✓

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Bartlett
Section Tickler

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____

Third Party

ACTION:

This is for your information and no action is being taken concerning the attached inasmuch as they were received on 7/19/56 prior to the time the Bureau's alternate headquarters became operational.

Enclosures

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cc - Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Branigan
 Mr. Roach

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 10, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - RELOCATION OF THE DIRECTOR

By memorandum 9-14-55 captioned as above it was set out in detail the manner in which [redacted] in a period of emergency. During normal working hours if the Bureau is ordered to relocate and the Director is in Washington, [redacted] During other than normal working hours if the Director is in Washington and it is not deemed possible to carry out his evacuation [redacted] Inspector G. C. Gearty, telephone EM. 2-3215, and Mr. Orin H. Bartlett of the Liaison Section, telephone OL. 2-6823. [redacted]

Tolson ✓
Nichols ✓
Boardman ✓
Belmont ✓
Mason ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
Nease ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

In the event the above individuals are not available, arrangements have been made whereby the [redacted]

If necessary, these supervisors will be called by Mr. Holloman or Miss Gandy who will instruct them [redacted]

Another alternative concerns arrangements which have been made with SAC Laughlin of WFO whereby Agents [redacted]

Beginning 7-15-56 the [redacted] at [redacted] will be replaced by the [redacted]

ACTION: For information.

JEM:dje
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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Hennrich
- 1 - Mr. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. Roach
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

DATE: July 21, 1956

Tolson ☒

Boardman ☒

Nichols ☒

Belmont ☒

Harbo ☒

Mohr ☒

Parsons ☒

Rosen ☒

Tamm ☒

Sizoo ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Gandy ☒

As you know, we have been operating with the minimum number of personnel so far in Operation Alert, 1956. With a view to continuing on the basis of the minimum number of personnel, we have made a survey and are releasing 5 Supervisors and 5 clerical personnel today on a staggered basis starting at 12:00 noon.

The personnel being released, in addition to the release of Mr. Anthony and Mr. Crawford yesterday, are:

Domestic Intelligence Division

Section Chief W. A. Branigan
 Section Chief J. F. Bland
 Supervisor E. T. Turner
 Supervisor P. L. Cox
 Supervisor J. G. Landis
 Stenographer Mildred J. Tweedon
 Stenographer Barbara L. Bowie

Records and Communications Division

Clerical employees
 Grace Hinze
 James Blasingame
 Barbara Stanhagen

We will continue to watch this closely, and additional personnel will be released as soon as possible in keeping with developments.

AHB:LL *cc*
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cc--Mr. Mohr
 cc--Mr. McGuire
 cc--Mr. Parsons
 cc--Mr. Roach
 cc--Mr. Belmont

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Belmont advised
 Director of above
 7/25/56

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB 7/24/56*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

DATE: July 22, 1956

Tolson _____

Boardman _____

Nichols _____

Belmont _____

Harbo _____

Mohr _____

Parsons _____

Rosen _____

Tamm _____

Sizoo _____

Winterrowd _____

Tele. Room _____

Holloman _____

Gandy _____

Remymemo 7/21/56, concerning release of personnel on that date. Another survey was made today and, as a result, following additional personnel have been released:

Domestic Intelligence Division

P. R. Bibler - Supervisor)

J. W. Brown - Supervisor)

Olga J. Kandis - Stenographer) departed 1:25 p. m.

Helen M. Martis - Stenographer)

Records and Communications Division

Shirley K. Haines - Teletype) departed 1:25 p. m.

Randall McDougal - Messenger)

John R. Schemmel - Messenger) departed 3:15 p. m.

Joan C. Keller - Switchboard)

We will continue to watch this closely, and additional personnel will be released as soon as possible in keeping with developments.

AHB:LL

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cc--Mr. Mohr

cc--Mr. McGuire

cc--Mr. Parsons

cc--Mr. Roach

cc--Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956
(Daily Summary)

DATE: July 23, 1956

Tolson ☒

Boardman ☒

Nichols ☒

Belmont ☒

Mohr ☒

Parsons ☒

Rosen ☒

Tamm ☒

Sizoo ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Gandy ☒

This report covers developments from the afternoon of July 22 (Sunday) until noon, July 23, 1956.

RELEASE OF PERSONNEL

Four additional clerical employees of the Records and Communications Division are being released today, starting at noon. Their identities have been furnished to the Bureau. We will continue to see that personnel are kept to the minimum, commensurate with the job to be done.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

On the evening of July 22 (Sunday), the following five offices were contacted and instructed to check and report back on the availability of their Agents on duty status in headquarters cities. The time within which all Agents were contacted is set forth below.

Office

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All offices were considered satisfactory.

AHB:LL (9)

cc--Mr. Mohr
cc--Mr. Parsons
cc--Mr. McGuire
cc--Mr. Belmont

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cc--Mr. Baumgardner
cc--Mr. Bland
cc--Mr. Branigan
cc--Mr. Roach

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Memorandum to the Director
from Mr. Belmont.

July 23, 1956

INSPECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

At 10:40 a.m., July 23, []
[] called at the Academy to inspect our communications
setup. This was in accordance with previous arrangements. []
[] prepared his report and rated the Bureau [] on every
phase. [] stayed for lunch and departed thereafter.

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HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING, 2:30 P.M., JULY 25, 1956,
AT WHITE HOUSE

Liaison Agent Philcox in Panama advised that the Heads of Agencies Meeting will be in the Cabinet Room at the White House at 2:30 p.m., July 25. Philcox said there would be no Cabinet meeting; therefore, we are not preparing a brief for the Attorney General's use. The summary memorandum on the entire Operation Alert, 1956, for the Director's use at this meeting, is being prepared, covering the period from the beginning of the Alert through July 24. This will be on the Director's desk at 9:00 a.m., July 25.

Liaison Agents have been alerted to ascertain what will go on at this meeting and, particularly, whether any problems will be posed. So far, it appears that Val Peterson and Arthur Flemming will brief the President on Tuesday, and at the meeting Wednesday, Flemming and Peterson will do most of the briefing. There is no indication so far that others will be called upon.

FINANCIAL REPORT - DUE AUGUST 31, 1956

Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) instructions for Operation Alert, 1956, call for an estimate of "out-of-pocket" costs of the agencies participating, to be submitted by August 31, 1956. This estimate of costs is part of the final evaluation report. In order that we may secure the actual or best estimated figures from the field to include in this report, and at the same time further test our radio communications, we sent a radiogram today to all offices,

Memorandum to the Director
from Mr. Belmont

July 23, 1956

instructing that a financial report of actual costs incurred by each office from this operation be submitted by airtel to reach the Bureau by August 5, including cost figures as to Communications, Personnel, Travel, and Other. Figures are to be based on actual costs or best estimates. Thereafter, these figures will be joined with the Seat of Government figures for the necessary report to ODM.

DAILY REPORTS TO ODM

We have continued to submit our daily reports to ODM, both as to operations and communications. Inasmuch as these reports to ODM are used by ODM for periodic teletypes to all agencies, reflecting the activities, we have kept our reports short and general. We believe this is necessary, as we do not want our delicate programs or activities broadcast to other agencies.

Inspector Boleyn's report to ODM dated July 23 on "Staffing" rated us Outstanding on individual assignments, basic orientation of employees to total agency operations at site, and general orientation, living arrangements, etc. He gave affirmative answers to the other three questions, namely: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is a favorable report. Mr. Boleyn gave affirmative answers to questions under "Organization and Executive Direction," regarding provision for succession of command; participation in program and policy formulation; formalized delegations of authority; and areas of responsibility understood and not conflicting.

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PROBLEMS INITIATED BY THE BUREAU

The problems we intended to work during this Operation Alert have been completed with the [REDACTED]

The Laboratory reports that the field problems [REDACTED] went very smoothly and reflected an understanding by the field of the equipment and how to use it.

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Memorandum to the Director
from Mr. Belmont

July 23, 1956

OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

We have continued to receive outside problems from other agencies. These problems have been handled promptly upon receipt.

Examples:

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Memorandum to the Director
from Mr. Belmont

July 23, 1956

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LIAISON

Our Liaison Agents continue to keep us advised of all developments.

Val Peterson advised Agent Whaley [redacted] that he was very glad to see a Bureau representative [redacted] and was pleased that the Director had assigned someone to his staff. He considered this a courtesy and foresight in good planning.

Based on instructions from the Bureau relocation site, Liaison Agent Kuhrtz attended a [redacted] on the morning of July 22. This conference was for the purpose of discussing, airing and straightening out any difficulties incurred by State. Kuhrtz briefed the conference on the delay in securing authority from the [redacted] to institute the program involving the protection of enemy diplomats and pointed out that such a delay could result in dispersal of the diplomats and make it extremely difficult to take them into custody. He pointed out that this would be embarrassing to the [redacted] and would hinder the FBI.

Agent Kuhrtz advised on the evening of July 22 that he had discussed this further with Robert Cartwright, [redacted] who said that the delay in this case resulted from internal confusion, as well as the fact that policy-making officials did not reach State relocation promptly due to inclement weather. Cartwright is writing a memorandum setting

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from Mr. Belmont

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forth the necessity of [redacted] giving the Bureau prompt
authority to institute this program and that machinery within the
[redacted] must be geared to avoid delay.

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At the end of the alert exercise, we are following up by sending
a letter [redacted]

A further report will be submitted tomorrow.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : R. L. Miller

SUBJECT:

RELOCATION SITE INSTALLATION

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Winterrowd
Tele. Room
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Operating Space For 2nd

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A detailed set of operating instructions was attached to my memorandum 7-10-56. The attached [redacted] differ from oral information previously received from [redacted] as follows:

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In view of this, the [redacted]

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Enclosure

- 2 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McCardle

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MEMO TO MR. PARSONS

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ACTION:

This information should be brought to the attention of Mr. Holloman.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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During the Director's conference with the Attorney General on July 11, 1956, the question was discussed as to whether the Director would make a recommendation to the Attorney General, immediately upon receiving the alert of notification through [redacted] at 11 a.m. on July 20, 1956, regarding the placing of the provisions of the Portfolio into effect. General Paul, of the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), has stated that the President will automatically sign necessary documents, following which action will be directed by ODM. General Paul stated that no recommendation from the Attorney General is necessary for purposes of this test. We, therefore, recommend that as an official part of Operation Alert, 1956, the Director make no recommendation to the Attorney General, since presumably the Attorney General could take no action on such a recommendation. General Paul accented that the plans call for immediate evacuation upon the sounding of alert, and ODM has stated, according to John Airhart, that actual instructions will be sent to the relocation sites as soon as the sites are manned.

Should the President, contrary to ODM planning, desire to initiate action prior to the arrival of agencies at relocation sites, communication would be directed to the Attorney General, who could communicate with the Director through [redacted] issuing appropriate instructions. The Director could then issue, appropriate instructions to the FBI relocation site.

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cc--Mr. Boardman
 cc--Mr. Holloman
 cc--Mr. Belmont
 cc--Mr. Roach
 cc--Mr. McArdle
 cc--Mr. Rushing

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In an actual emergency, the Director would, of course, make recommendations to the Attorney General as soon as facts were available to him on which such action could be predicated. Such recommendations could be made either [redacted]

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[redacted] They would be made immediately upon the receipt of sufficient facts justifying any recommendation. If, in a real emergency, we had the facts on which the assumptions in this particular test are based, the Director undoubtedly would make a recommendation the minute he had the facts and would, on the basis of these facts, recommend that Part I of the Portfolio be placed into effect. (This calls for the immediate apprehension of all individuals on the Security Index, both citizens and aliens, and the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.)

ACTION:

If you agree, we will plan accordingly.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *7-19-56*

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*cc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. McArdleSUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS -
OPERATION ALERT

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John Airhart of the Department stopped by my office at noon and talked to Mr. Hennrich. He stated there were three items which had come to his attention and which he wanted the Bureau to know about. They are as follows:

- (1) In connection with the Cabinet meeting on Friday attended by the Attorney General it was stated that the Operation Alert, 1956 would be conducted with a minimum of publicity.
- (2) Mr. Sims of the Department was talking with Mr. Richard Jones, Bureau of the Budget Legislative Liaison Officer, on the morning of July 16th. Jones stated that there is some indication at this time that ODM, in connection with Operation Alert, may not utilize the documents and proclamations included in the Portfolio, but may following the beginning of the Alert call for the Department to cook up supposititious proclamations, submit them and then wait for action. Airhart is attempting to obtain clarification on this point. He stated that so far as he is concerned, he feels there is sufficient justification under the briefing document prepared by ODM for the Attorney General to initiate action by authorizing the Bureau to proceed with its program and if the Department agrees with him in this position even though ODM decided to switch the ground rules at the last minute the Bureau can still proceed on authority of the Attorney General under the broad authority set forth in the briefing document.
- (3) Jones indicated to the Department on the morning of July 16th that there is now being discussed a proposition that the Alert continue only from Friday, July 20th thru Monday, July 23rd. Whether this proposition is being seriously considered Airhart did not know.

ACTION: We will continue to follow on these matters and you will be kept advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : Mr. Roach

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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On 7/13/56 William Elliott, Security Officer, Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) advised Liaison supervisor Whaley that he and several other security people at ODM plan on going to the ODM relocation site [redacted] on Thursday 7/19/56. He stated that they were going down the day before the test actually starts to get everything in order and to avoid as much of the expected confusion as possible. Elliott stated that he would like to have Whaley join them on Thursday evening or at the latest early Friday morning. He stated that he would like Whaley to come before the test actually begins so that all of his arrangements concerning the telephone, desk space, registration and housing could be taken care of before the complications begin at the start of the alert on 7/20/56.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of complications and confusion that will undoubtedly arise at ODM it is recommended that Whaley go to [redacted] on the evening of 7/19/56 so that he can be in full operation when the alert starts. Whaley has been designated as the Liaison representative with ODM during this operation.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - Mr. Whaley

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT:

BUPLANS

OPERATION ALERT - 1956

Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

Enclosed are three copies of a time schedule showing the preparation of status board data, national intelligence summaries, intelligence communiques and radiological fallout summaries for Operation Alert - 1956. There is also enclosed one copy of a 32 page pamphlet entitled [redacted]

[redacted] Operation Alert 1956." This material was furnished to the Bureau by [redacted] Liaison [redacted] has requested [redacted] to above.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this material be forwarded to the [redacted] in connection with their phase of Operation Alert - 1956.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

Plans - Emergency
Headquarters for S.O.G.

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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In order that the Domestic Intelligence Division may better fulfill its coordinating responsibility during Operation Alert, 1956, it is believed desirable to have all incoming

[redacted] should be routed to Mr. Parsons.

Of course, during the time that [redacted] is at the relocation site, [redacted] immediately upon receipt, in which instance, a copy of the message should be routed through the [redacted] for immediate information where these and all other messages coming to the [redacted] and thereafter routed to the appropriate division for handling.

Incoming and outgoing [redacted] relative to Operation [redacted] To carry out the responsibilities of the [redacted] set forth above, a copy of all memoranda should be designated [redacted] so that we may be fully apprised of the status of any problems involved. Similarly, [redacted] should be kept currently advised of all special problems which in any way pertain to Operation Alert, 1956.

It is believed that by following the procedures outlined above it will be possible to [redacted]

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

RECOMMENDATION:

That the procedure for handling of communications relative to Operation Alert, 1956, set forth above, be followed at the relocation site during the course of the exercise.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LIAISON SECTION

JUL 19 1956

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___ Director	___ Mr. Bartlett
___ Mr. Tolson	___ Mr. Bates
___ Mr. Boardman	___ Mr. J.W. Brown
___ Mr. Belmont	___ Mr. Daunt
___ Mr. Hennrich	___ Mr. Day
___ Mr. Sizoo	___ Mr. Dougherty
___ Mr. Cleveland	___ Mr. Estill
	___ Mr. Ferris
___ Mr. Roach	___ Mr. Fipp
___ Mr. Philcox	___ Mr. Kuhrtz
	___ Mr. Martin
___ Mr. Baumgardner	✓ ___ Mr. McArdle (4)
___ Mr. Bland	___ Mr. Moynihan
___ Mr. Branigan	___ Mr. Papich
___ Mr. W.C. Sullivan	___ Mr. Short
	___ Mr. Stevenson
___ Mr. Callan	___ Mr. D.J. Sullivan
___ Mr. H.L. Edwards	___ Mr. Wells
___ Mr. Scatterday	___ Mr. Whaley
___ Mr. Stanley	___ Mr. Woods
	___ Mr. Young
___ Mrs. Schwab	
___ Miss Wielkiewicz	___ Miss Cole
___ Miss Goggins	___ Miss Gronquist
___ Miss Laymon	___ Miss Rogers
___ Mrs. Henley	___ Miss El. Toby
___ Miss Lewis	___ Miss Ev. Toby
___ Miss [Signature] (2)	___ Mr. [Signature] (2)
Room 7621	Room [Signature] (3)
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___ Call Me Please	___ Routing Unit
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R. R. Roach

Room 7641 X-503

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

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(Bureau) Emergency Headquarters for SIOG.
 Bureau liaison received on afternoon of 7/19/56 five copies of document entitled "Key Documents for Operation Alert 1956" containing 13 proclamations and executive orders for the signature of the President and four Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) documents to be signed by the Director of Defense Mobilization.

As explained on the fly-leaf, the "Key Documents" are for the purpose of the exercise only and have not had Executive Branch clearance and do not necessarily reflect Administration policy. The actual emergency proclamations which the President would sign with regard to the detention program, for example, are not here but presumably are included by inference in the proposed proclamation providing temporary national security and civil defense measures. This is Alert Document No. 3, which begins on page 4. In Alert Document No. 3, which covers the so-called "military assistance," is a provision for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus during the period the proclamation is in effect or during a 60-day period, whichever is shorter. Under Section 3 (a) and (b) of the proclamation on page 6 it refers to persons who may be apprehended or detained under the authority of this proclamation. Nowhere in the proclamation is there specific provision for such apprehension or detention. The proclamation also provides for the

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The proclamation also provides that all executive departments and Federal agencies are authorized and directed to render all possible assistance in carrying out the provisions of this proclamation, including, among other items, facilities and services.

Another document of interest to the Bureau is Alert Document No. 4, commencing on page 8, which relates to the control of persons departing or entering the United States. This generally follows the provisions of the law in this regard but it does contain one sentence which might be pertinent to the Bureau's participation in the program for interning enemy officials. This sentence provides that Attorney General

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Holloman
 cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
 cc - Mr. Bland
 cc - Mr. Branigan
 cc - Mr. McArdle

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shall have the power to prevent temporarily the departure of any alien prejudicial to the interests of the United States until such time as the Secretary of State shall decide that the departure would not be prejudicial to our interests.

On page 16, Alert Document No. 6 establishes the Office of Censorship and prescribes its functions. This document follows very closely the real proposed executive orders establishing the Office of Censorship and invoking temporary censorship measures.

None of the other documents are of particular interest to the Bureau and it should be noted that the documents relating to actual Bureau operations appearing in the Attorney General's portfolio are not included in this game.

OBSERVATION:

It is noted that the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus is one of the most closely guarded matters in our detention program. As such, it has been classified within the Bureau and the Department as ~~Top Secret~~. Even though the ODM publication bears a classification of ~~Secret~~, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus as provided for under Alert Document No. 3 could quite possibly leak to the press, thereby raising a storm of public protest with attendant possible embarrassment to the Administration.

Mr. Airhart of the Department advised Mr. Belmont this afternoon that Fred Ford of the Department is to go [redacted] tomorrow with instructions to attempt to smother any press items regarding legal items or decisions, which would include the habeas corpus matter. Mr. Belmont pointed out to Airhart the possible criticism that might ensue if the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus was given publicity in this exercise.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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[Signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : *W. J. [unclear]* L. E. Wherry, Jr. cc - Miss Wassink

SUBJECT:

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Enclosed herewith is a list of all personnel who are likely to have some occasion to enter our [redacted] at the Bureau's relocation headquarters. The list includes the officials who will be at relocation headquarters during Operation Alert 1956 as well as a limited number of supervisory agent personnel, firearms instructors who will perform armed guard duty, other [redacted] personnel who may be utilized in [redacted] duties as well as Communications Section employees and supervisors. Additionally, the names of seven [redacted] employees are listed who have been given security clearance by the Office of Defense Mobilization to enter any [redacted] for the purpose of performing maintenance and repair of [redacted] equipment and telephone and teletype equipment. These telephone company employees will be permitted access only to [redacted] where there is no Bureau [redacted] equipment in use. There may be other [redacted] personnel that will be dispatched to our relocation headquarters for the same purposes whose names we do not now have but upon the presentation of proper identification they will be cleared by the Chief of Communications by contact with proper authorities at ODM. There will possibly be military or civilian personnel dispatched from [redacted] for the purpose of maintenance and these people will carry clearance papers as well as identification and their identity and clearance may be checked by contacting the proper authorities at [redacted]

A copy of the attached list will be posted [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information purposes.

- 1 - Mr. McGuire (with copy of enclosure)
1 - Mr. Boardman " " " "
1 - Mr. Belmont " " " "
1 - Mr. McArdle " " " "
1 - Mr. Downing " " " "
1 - [redacted] (with copy of enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB Nichols*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

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As you know, we have had a skeleton force in each communications unit daily [] this week. Yesterday testing activities by other Government agencies intensified to the point where two employees on duty in the Code Room and two Teletype Room employees needed help. Accordingly, we sent Code Clerk Margaret Lyddon and Teletype Room employee Charlotte Walker [] yesterday afternoon. Since the circuits to the other agencies were so active yesterday morning in the early hours, we sent three additional employees [] at 9:00 a.m., today, in advance of the rest of the group. They are Miss Charlotte Walker, Teletype employee; Miss Margaret Paul and Harold Lawson, Code Room.

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They were sent [] provided by the Courier Unit. Mr. McArdle and Mr. Schroeder of the [] [] have been advised and their checkoff lists have been corrected.

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In connection with the testing of the [] the Washington Field Office representatives were [] Accordingly, the two Bureau engineered military circuits from [] [] were activated yesterday and the equipment was satisfactory.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. McArdle
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 - 1 - Section tickler
 - 1 - Mr. McArdle
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HIGHLIGHTS OF
PLAN OF GOVERNMENT DEFENSE PLANS
FOR THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

1 - [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] For [unclear]

Enclosed is Insert #11 for Highlights of Plan of Government Defense Plans for the Chain of Command. It is the Bureau's desire after having inserted these pages in their appropriate places in captioned document that you advise the Bureau, attention: Liaison Section, by routing slip that this has been done.

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1 - Chicago (with enclosure)

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1 - Baltimore (with enclosure)

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NOTE: Intra-Bureau communications are normally not classified; however, the highly confidential nature of the information contained in the attached document makes it desirable to classify this communication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 21, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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RELEASE OF PERSONNEL

With a view to completely handling our responsibilities under Operation Alert, 1956, and yet continuing to operate with the minimum of personnel, we are releasing 5 Supervisors and 5 clerical employees on a staggered basis starting at 12:00 noon today. A list of the personnel is set forth in my memorandum to Mr. Boardman dated July 21, 1956. We will release additional personnel when possible.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Three offices were checked on the evening of July 20 and were able to contact all of their Agents on duty status in headquarters cities as follows:



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and Special Agent in Charge [redacted] was required to submit explanation. By separate memorandum, [redacted] has been recommended for censure, as the delay was based on the [redacted]

AHB:LL

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CC: Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. McGuire
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Branigan
 Mr. Roach

This is most unsatisfactory but rather characteristic of [redacted] administration

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

7/21/56

PROBLEMS INITIATED BY BUREAU

We continued the problems under way Friday afternoon and, in addition, [redacted] this morning. As of noon today we had [redacted] We are [redacted]

OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

We have had a number of outside problems, all of which have been handled upon receipt.

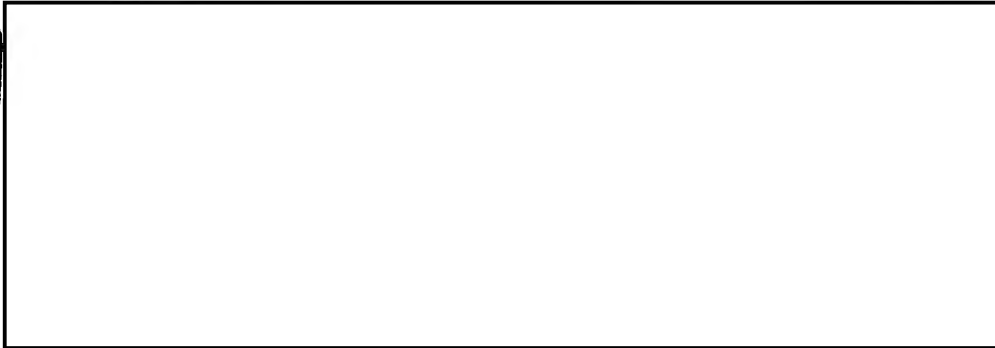
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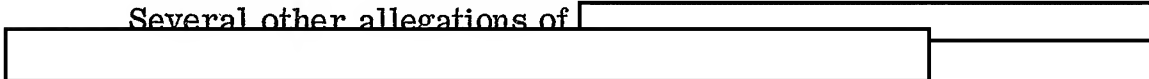
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Several other allegations of [redacted]



OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION (ODM) REPORTS

The necessary reports to ODM concerning communications and progress of our Operation Alert exercise were sent. In accordance with the Department's request, a copy of our progress report to ODM was sent to the Department. In this report, we set forth, in summary, sufficient to show that we are carrying out our responsibilities under the test (without revealing secret data) and under the appropriate caption stated we had experienced [redacted]

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We will continue to make these reports on a daily basis, as required.

Inspector Boleyn furnished us a copy of his report, which consisted of only three lines. In it he rated us [redacted] on instructions to personnel re what to do on the alert signal; departure from Washington with minimum confusion; and activities and attitudes reflecting a sense of urgency and seriousness appropriate to the exercise. He gave affirmative answers to the other questions, which means his report was favorable. He mentioned [redacted]

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

7/21/56

LIAISON

Our Liaison representatives continue to function smoothly, reporting to us frequently. We have had no trouble reaching them at any time.

On the morning of July 21, Supervisor Daunt advised from Justice relocation that the Attorney General would be leaving early Saturday afternoon. (By 12:45 p.m., he had left for luncheon and would go from there to Washington.) The Attorney General did not hold a conference, as previously indicated, concerning a permanent relocation site for the Department. Mr. Rogers will stay at Justice relocation until Fred Ford reports [redacted]

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Supervisor Day at Defense relocation was asked by Joint Chiefs if our Detention Program had been instituted and if matters affecting the Military in connection therewith had been coordinated with the Military. Day advised them that the Program had been launched immediately and that any matters of concern to the Military had been coordinated with the Military.

Our Liaison Agents report that activities at other agencies are relatively quiet.

OVER-ALL OPERATION

Insofar as I can determine at this time, the Operation as a whole has been running smoothly. The Laboratory is proceeding smoothly with its problems; the Records and Communications Division has handled a large volume of communications smoothly; and problems within Mr. Mohr's jurisdiction have been handled promptly.

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The services provided by [redacted] and staff [redacted] have been excellent.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *Austor*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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 Tele. Room *[initials]*

Ex plans - Emergency Headquarters for 1956

Referral/Consult

ACTION:

Inasmuch as all of the above documents pertain primarily to communications activities, they will be placed in the communications center at the relocation site for use during OPERATION ALERT, 1956. However, one copy of Part 4, Chapter 2, [redacted] will be retained on the desk of the defense plans coordinator in the Liaison Section. *b7E*

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. McGuire
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

Enclosures *me*

Copies received at [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Bu plans

- Emergency

Headquarters
FOR S.O.G. ✓

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Fred Mullen informed that the Bureau's relocation site, as well as the Department's relocation site, is to remain classified. In view of the news stories which have appeared in the last couple of days, Mullen has taken the matter up with the [redacted]

Mullen stated that, in his absence, Ruth Minick (home phone [redacted]) would act for him and, if anything came up, for me to merely keep her advised and go ahead and do whatever we wanted to do. He said that, if we wanted him for anything, we, of course, could call him.

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Herbert Moore who, for many years, ran Trans Radio Press and who has been a close friend of the Bureau is now [redacted]

cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
 cc - Mr. McArdle
 cc - Mr. McGuire

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 22, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

(Daily Summary)

*Explains EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS
FOR S.O.G.*

Tolson ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Sizoo ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

This report covers developments from the afternoon of
 July 21 until noon of July 22 (Sunday).

RELEASE OF PERSONNEL

We are releasing 2 more Supervisors and 6 clerical personnel
 this afternoon. The identities of the personnel have been furnished
 to the Bureau in my memorandum to Mr. Boardman dated July 22.
 We are watching carefully to keep personnel to the minimum.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

On the evening of July 21, the offices set out below were con-
 tacted and instructed to check the availability of their Agents on duty
 status in headquarters cities:

OfficeResults

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[redacted] and SAC [redacted] submitted
 his explanation. By separate memorandum, [redacted] has been
 recommended for censure, as the delay was based on th [redacted]

AHB:LL

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CC: Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. McGuire
 Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Bland

Mr. Branigan
 Mr. Roach

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

July 22, 1956

PROBLEMS INITIATED BY THE BUREAU

With the exception of several continuing problems, such as Availability Checks of selected field divisions each evening, and certain [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] The problems were handled with speed and dispatch.

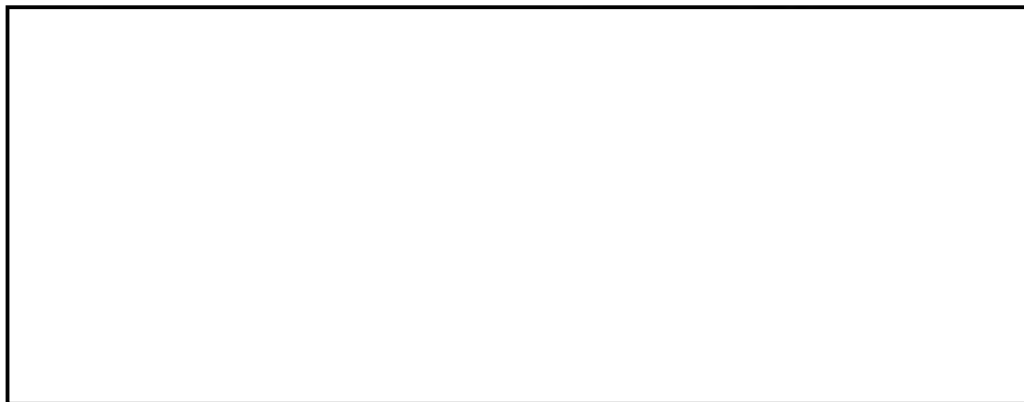
Any continuation of problems would be repetitious and add nothing to the thorough test already afforded; therefore, we are not initiating additional problems.

OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

We have continued to receive problems from outside agencies. We have handled them promptly upon receipt.

Examples

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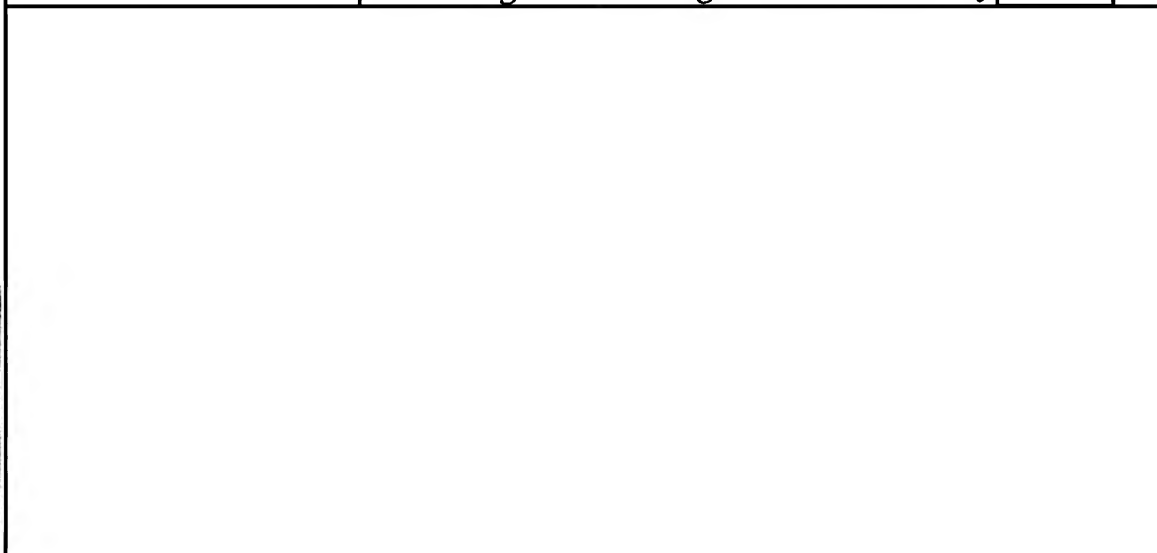
Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

July 22, 1956

LIAISON

About noon, July 22, [redacted] relocation site was released, inasmuch as there has been no activity affecting the Bureau at [redacted] and top officials have left. [redacted] will keep in touch with [redacted] regarding developments. The remaining Liaison Agents have been instructed to stay with their agencies, inasmuch as there has been activity, and activity continues.

For example, [redacted] called at 5:00 p.m., July 21, [redacted] referring to a message disseminated by [redacted]



Referral/Consult

Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

July 22, 1956

Referral/Consult

Agent Daunt from Justice relocation advised on July 21 that Mr. Yeagley told him the Attorney General and Rogers had conferred on the Portfolio and had found [redacted] neither of which, according to Yeagley, pertains to the Bureau's work. Nevertheless, Daunt took this up with Mr. Rogers and found out that the [redacted]

[redacted] Daunt said the Attorney General had asked Departmental representative Fred Ford at [redacted] to protest the proposed press release at [redacted] which would have referred to the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and the commandeering of labor. As a result, they were removed from the release relative to the proclamation for military assistance to civilian authorities. Daunt said that these were the two points which the Attorney General had in mind and that no further action is necessary by us. b7E

A further report will be submitted tomorrow.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman *P. B. 7/12/56*

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AH*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1956

DATE: July 13, 1956

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Gandy _____

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Hennrich to me dated 7/11/56. Referenced memorandum recorded a conference held on 7/11/56 by Mr. Hennrich, Mr. John Airhart of the Department and General Paul, Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM). Referenced memorandum reported that the ODM briefing manual was being revised and that we would secure a copy of the revised paper and analyze it for inclusion in the Director's brief.

RECEIVING FOR OPERATION ALERT - 1956

There is attached a copy of the revised paper in question dated 7/11/56. We have received 5 copies. Four are being retained in the [redacted] and are being analyzed so that we may determine where the revisions have been made and how they may affect the Bureau. These revised papers were received from ODM by Liaison on 7/13/56.

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Also attached are [redacted] and (3) a copy of a memo from General Paul addressed to the heads of Executive departments and agencies dated 7/10/56. This memo is on the subject of testing of emergency financial system for the Executive branch of the Government during Operation Alert 1956. Copies of these communications have been made available to the appropriate Divisions and will be analyzed to determine how they affect the Bureau. Any pertinent data contained in them will be placed in the Director's brief.

There is also enclosed a copy of a memo from General Paul to all agency and department heads dated 7/2/56 dealing with ODM's plans for inspection and evaluation of Operation Alert 1956. This memo was previously received and reviewed, and the results set forth in memo to you dated 7/5/56.

ACTION:

Upon completion of the analyses of these new documents appropriate action will be recommended and pertinent data will be placed in Director's brief.

Enclosure

OHB: [redacted] mls (8)

1 - Mr. Nichols

1 - Mr. Boardman; 1 - Mr. Mohr;

1 - Mr. Hennrich; 1 - Mr. McArdle;

1 - Section tickler; 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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L. J. [redacted]

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M. [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 11, 1956

FROM : Mr. C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS

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Headquarters for SIOG,
 Camp Line - Encl. 100

In accordance with the Director's instructions I contacted Mr. John Airhart of the Department on the afternoon of July 11. I arranged to accompany him to confer with General Paul, Assistant to Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) Director, Arthur Flemming. Flemming was out of the city and not available. General Paul was advised:

(1) that we desired to clarify exactly what the Armed Services would do under martial law as it affects the FBI;

(2) that we understand there is an agreement [redacted]

[redacted] which spells out exactly what the Armed Services would do for agencies in connection with martial rule.

We inquired as to details concerning this and asked if we could have a copy of the agreement. We particularly asked for clarification as to the position of the FBI in connection with operations in connection with martial rule.

General Paul stated that insofar as any planning of ODM is concerned martial law will not be invoked. General Paul conceded that it was possible that a commanding general when given responsibility for a particular area of operations would invoke martial law which would call for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus but that ODM has eliminated this possibility from their planning. He suggested by inference that this was a problem that we might want to work out ourselves.

Mr. Airhart has stated that he is recommending to the Attorney General that the Department enter into [redacted] in this regard.

This is the Department's problem to work this matter out with [redacted] and we will continue to follow with them to insure that this is done.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. McArdle

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

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With reference to the agreement reportedly entered into by [redacted] General Paul stated that there has been no specific agreement completed by these agencies. He stated that they are working on such an agreement and that it was his understanding that the Justice Department is collaborating with them and is familiar with the plan. This plan has to do with military assistance under a plan of martial rule. Under this plan as soon as an emergency occurs within a given state or community the FCDA will take command in an emergency and, while during nonemergency periods the state FCDA agencies are non-Federal in character, they will become Federal immediately upon an emergency and will be in absolute command. The agreement which is being worked on [redacted]

[redacted] Any assistance which FBI or other agencies would require would be obtained by making our needs known [redacted] who would make arrangements for military or other available personnel to give such assistance. Under this arrangement, the FBI would not be subject to being required by FCDA to give assistance to it or other agencies who might apply to FCDA for assistance since under Executive Order 10346 the FBI is an agency having designated essential functions to the Government and would not be required to make available personnel to FCDA. In pressing this matter further, General Paul conceded that it is probable that in certain areas the governor who heads up the local FCDA establishments would see fit to declare martial law within a particular state. This proposition raises a question as to just what the Bureau's position would be in operating in an emergency in a state where martial law had been declared by the governor. In connection with this problem General Paul likewise suggested that it was a problem that should be worked out by the interested agency. Mr. Airhart stated he would recommend to the Attorney General that the problem be worked out by direct liaison between the Department of Justice and FCDA.

It looks as if ODM can't give a definite answer.
Mr. Airhart advised me that he would check as to the exact status of the military assistance document being worked up which apparently Justice is assisting in and will advise us as to the status of this document.

Mr. Airhart inquired concerning the interpretation which ODM is placing on the material in the DDM briefing document particularly as to whether it can be assumed that the President will sign necessary documents which will authorize the Attorney General to place into effect numerous actions, including our Emergency Detention Program (DETPRO), automatically or whether it will be necessary for the Attorney General

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

to confer with the President and make recommendations to him prior to such signing. General Paul stated that under the program the President will automatically sign all necessary papers for this particular alert without recommendations from the Attorney General. He stated that it is possible the President may call the Attorney General pointing out that the President is an individual operator but that the ODM planning calls for the President automatically signing these documents after which ODM will notify the Attorney General that they have been signed. This will be the necessary authority for the Attorney General to sign the master warrants and authorize the Bureau to proceed. General Paul pointed out that the program calls for each agency immediately proceeding to its evacuation headquarters upon the sounding of the alert; that ODM will get its communications out to the Attorney General and others as soon as necessary papers are signed; and that the general responsibility of the particular agencies is to initiate any necessary action as soon as they can under the circumstances which exist when notification is given.

General Paul stated that copies of necessary documents are available to the President and that a copy is in the possession of Vice-President Nixon. He indicated that Vice-President Nixon would be officiating in regard to Operation Alert in the absence of the President.

With regard to the briefing document for Operation Alert, copies of which were made available to the Bureau following the briefing which the Director attended on June 28, this document is being revised. General Paul said that the document is now being printed and will be made available at the earliest possible date. We will obtain copies of the revised document and review it and see to it that it is included in the Director's brief in connection with Operation Alert.

ACTION:

We are following with Airhart to insure that we get as speedy action as possible to resolve the martial law and martial rule problems.

We will obtain from Airhart complete details regarding the status of the military assistance planning between Defense Department, FCDA and ODM which the Department is supposed to be collaborating on in order that we can study the procedures to insure that the FBI's interests are properly regarded.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

We will follow with ODM in order to obtain a copy of the revised briefing paper as soon as it is prepared, analyze it and include it in the Director's brief.

7-13-56

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5 copies revised Briefing
obtained (#196 thru 200) from ODM
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 18, 1956

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach *R*SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956
July 20-25

Tolson ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mason ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Nease ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

This memorandum will replace the summary memorandum dated July 14, 1956, prepared as a recapitulation of the over-all Bureau plan for Operation Alert 1956.

Dates:

July 20-25, 1956;

Place:Time:Personnel:Security:JEM:acm
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cc - Mr. Nichols
 cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
 cc - Mr. Mohr
 cc - Mr. Parsons
 cc - Mr. Holloman
 cc - Mr. Baumgardner
 cc - Mr. Bland
 cc - Mr. Branigan
 cc - Section Chief
 cc - Mr. McArdle

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W. J. ...
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Explanations - Enc. 1
 Headquarters for S.O.G.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Communications:

Field Offices Participating:

Test Problems:

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JUL 25 1956

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Boardman ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Mason ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Parsons ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tamm ☒
Mr. Nease ☒
Mr. Winterrowd ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Mr. Holloman ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

MR. ROACH

McGale

Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

ADD WCNS DAYBOOK FOR FRIDAY:

FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATOR VAL PETERSON, DEFENSE MOBILIZER ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AND BUDGET DIRECTOR PERCIVAL BRUNDAGE LEAVE BY HELICOPTER FOR EMERGENCY LOCATION AS PART OF "OPERATION ALERT." PENTAGON HELICOPTER PAD, BETWEEN NOON AND 12:30 P.M.
(PETERSON AT CONTROLS.)

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This is getting to be
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WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : Mr. E. D. Mason ✓

SUBJECT: *

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mason _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Nease _____ b7E
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

In connection with Operation Alert, SAC [] advises [] may possibly use the services of the following two additional men in supervising the preparation and serving of meals at []

[]

These men, if used, will work in [] and will not have access to the [] They will sleep in the caterer's room under the kitchen which is not directly connected with the rest of []

A search of the Criminal Records of the Identification Division reflects no record of either man.

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The file review concerning [] reflects nothing unfavorable.

Bureau file 61-777 - Section 22, Serial 902, reflects the name of []

The [] employed by [] at one time resided in [] dates not known. He is reported to have run a [] It is noted the [] would have been

Members of the []

cc - SAC []
 Enclosure
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Memo to Mr. Tolson dated 7/19/56

[] were usually of college age, although the leaders, as a rule, were slightly older. Since we have conducted no investigation of this man, it is not possible to state as to the significance of his name being on the []

A file review reflects no other identifiable or derogatory information concerning Lowe.

Search slips attached.

RECOMMENDATION: None for information only.

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ADDENDUM:

I don't think [] should be used. However, SAC [] has no one else available and feels he must use []. The other man named above was burned last week and may not be able to work. [] will be a supervisor in the kitchen. Under these circumstances it looks like the only thing we can do is let [] go ahead and use [].

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July 23, 1956

0 Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Medical Officer in Charge
U. S. Public Health Service
Outpatient Clinic
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare, South Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Doctor:

The below-named employees were referred to
your Clinic for determination of blood type and Rh factor:

You are authorized to bill the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, Department of Justice, for your services
at the rate of \$3.75 per person.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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24 JUL 26 1956

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cc: Mr. J. E. Neardle
Mr. J. S. Johnson
Miss Guigon
Health Service

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Nichols _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
Mason _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Nease _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holman _____
Gandy _____

COMM - FBI
JUL 23 1956
MAILED 31

It was recommended and approved 12-30-55 per memo entitled
"Factors on the evacuation list at SOG are unknown be typed and
factored by USPHS at \$3.75 per patient. The original list of 86 has
been completed. This name is an addition to that list. Submitted
SA McArdle of Domestic and Intelligence Division,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS--OPERATION ALERT 1956

⁰ Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

A memorandum dated July 10, 1956, to all Agency Representatives from the Deputy Director for [redacted] indicated that tentative plans which had been made for an [redacted] Columbia have been cancelled. The memorandum urged that

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Boardman _____
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Tele. Room _____
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Under Operation Alert 1956 all personnel designated for

With reference to item (a), Herbert Able, the Department of Justice Building Warden, orally advised SA J. E. McArdle, Bureau War Plans Coordinator, on July 16, 1956, that the Department

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. McArdle
1 - Sect. tick.
1 - Mr. Brown

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

With reference to item (c), our building Warden's are not

[Redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Bureau

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956
(Daily Summary)

Auxiliary space for S.O.G.

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
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Clegg _____
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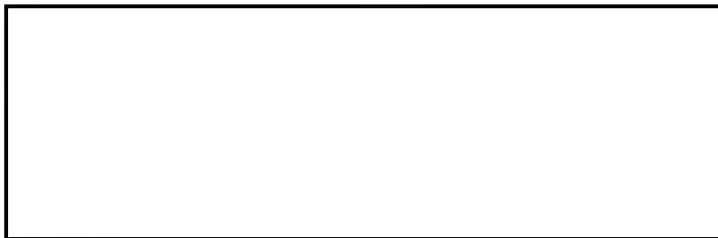
This report covers developments from the afternoon of July 23rd, until noon, July 24, 1956.

RELEASE OF PERSONNEL

Due to continuing problems being received and continued communications traffic, we are not releasing further personnel today. At 9:00 A.M. tomorrow morning, July 25th, five persons will be released from the Records and Communications Division and three from the Domestic Intelligence Division. Release of further personnel on Wednesday, July 25th, will be dependent on developments. Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) Director Flemming has stated that the exercise will continue in full force until 5:00 P.M., July 25, 1956.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

On the evening of July 23, 1956, the following four offices were contacted and instructed to check and report back on the availability of their Agents on duty status in headquarters cities. The time within which all Agents were contacted is set forth below:

OfficeINSPECTOR BOLEYN'S REPORT

Inspector Boleyn rendered his third report to ODM this morning. He advised that we are marked outstanding on all items except those requiring merely a yes or no answer on which we received affirmative checks. Mr. Boleyn stated that he considered our operations this year superior to our operations of last year and that he considered our operations excellent in every respect. He said this will be reflected in his written report.

AHB:gt (91 31 100)

CC: Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont

cc: Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Bland
Mr. Roach

CC: Mr. McGuire
Mr. Branigan

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Memo to the Director (continued)

ODM REPORT

By teletype received July 24th, ODM requested a daily, concise summary of each exercise problem encountered by each agency during the preceding twenty-four hour period which is considered to be of significance. We had Liaison check [] whether this is to be used for press purposes. We contacted Fred Mullen at Justice Relocation through Liaison and pointed out that this appears to be for press purposes and consequently, it is being referred to him in accordance with previous arrangements. We pointed out we did not consider it advisable to submit summaries of our exercise problems. Mr. Mullen agreed and said he would handle this.

HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING, 2:30 P.M., JULY 25, 1956, AT WHITE HOUSE

There have been no further developments as to this. Our Liaison Agents are remaining alert for any information available as to what will be taken up at the meeting. So far it appears that Flemming and Peterson will conduct the briefing. The summary memorandum for the Director will be on his desk at 9:00 A.M., July 25th.

LIAISON

Liaison Agents continue with their agencies at relocation sites. They reported that matters are very quiet at the other agencies. Agent Day advised on July 23rd that it now appears that Secretary Wilson will return to the Defense Relocation on July 24th and return to Washington on July 25th. This may be due to articles in the press criticizing Defense for failure to keep officials at the relocation site.

OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

We have continued to receive outside problems from other agencies. These have been handled promptly upon receipt.

Examples:

1.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: July 13, 1956

FROM : C. F. DOWNING

SUBJECT: BUPLANS
BUREAU RELOCATION SITE*Primary Source For S.O.G.*

[redacted] padlocks are needed [redacted] to secure filing cabinets being used for storing cryptomaterial in emergency cryptocenter. These locks cost \$5.51 each.

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mason	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

RECOMMENDATION:

That Administrative Division purchase [redacted] padlocks and forward same to Cryptanalysis-Translation Section for use in emergency cryptocenter [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: BUPLANS - DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
ESSENTIAL RECORDS

Auxiliary Space for S.O.G.

One copy each of the following is attached for storage with the other Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) material which has previously been forwarded ☐

Minutes, IIC meeting, July 11, 1956

Agenda, IIC meeting, July 11, 1956

Minutes, IIC Working Committee meeting, June 28, 1956

Minutes, IIC Working Committee meeting, May 25, 1956

Minutes, IIC Working Committee meeting, May 14, 1956

Agenda, IIC Working Committee meeting, May 14, 1956

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ACTION:

☐ The above-listed material should be forwarded ☐ for storage.

Enclosures (6)

1-Mr. Belmont

1-☐

1-Mr. Day

1-Mr. McArdle

1-Liaison Section

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : G. A. Day

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

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Agent Day, who will accompany the office of the Secretary of Defense in its relocation [redacted] has been informed that the telephone extension on his desk will be 40226. On occasions when Day leaves his desk for lunch or after hours, he can be reached through the extension of George Gould, Director of Security Services, extensions 42149 or 42252.

ACTION:

This is for your information.

GAD:awj,
 (3) [initials]

- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. Day

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: BUPLANS
SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION
(Vital Records [redacted])

o Auxiliary space for S.O.C.

[redacted] maintains certain vital records pertaining to Emergency Detention Program, including Attorney General's Portfolio; duplicate copy of monthly Security Index list; Security Index cards; copies of Emergency Detention Program Survey for each field office; SAC Letters relating to Emergency Detention Program, and summary relating to procedures under Program for use by Bureau chain of command.

These various records were checked at [redacted] during the period July 20 to July 25, 1956, and were found to be in good order. The check also revealed that memoranda furnishing changes to be made in these records were being handled on a current basis by the personnel [redacted]

ACTION:

Submitted for your information.

Tolson _____
Nichols _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
Mason _____
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cc - SAC, [redacted]
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Roach
cc - Mr. Bland
cc - Mr. Rushing

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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *LJG*SUBJECT: BUPLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1956
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o Auxiliary Spec For S.O.G.

One Bureau [redacted] to transport evacuees

[redacted] during Operation Alert - 1956 at 11:08 A.M.
on 7-20-56.

A survey of Court A. Justice Building, at the time of the alert revealed [redacted] for emergency use.

A test call placed with Mr. Weeks of the General Services Administration indicated that [redacted]

[redacted] Another test call placed with [redacted]
of the [redacted] indicated that [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

None - For information only.

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CC: Mr. Belmont

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956
OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

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Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Sizoo	_____
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o Auxiliary Space For SIOG.

My memorandum to you of July 24, 1956, captioned as above, contained a summary of the problems received by the Bureau during Operation Alert 1956 from outside agencies. That memorandum set forth sufficient facts to identify the problems and a synopsis of state-
ment as to the manner in which we handled each of them. This memorandum serves as a supplement to that prepared yesterday and identifies those problems received from outside agencies subsequent to 6:00 PM, 7/24/56, to the close of Operation Alert 1956.

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1-Mr. Holloman
1-Mr. Parsons
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. McGuire
1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. McArdle

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TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956
(Daily Summary)

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Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

This is the final Daily Summary, covering developments from the afternoon of July 24 through 5:00 p. m. EDT, July 25, 1956, at which time the operation closed.

RELEASE OF PERSONNEL

Nine personnel were released as of 9:00 a. m. , July 25. These were personnel who had worked the night shift. Shortly after 1:00 p. m. , July 25, seventeen additional personnel were released--four from the Domestic Intelligence Division and 13 from the Records and Communications Division. This left us 23 employees, in addition to the Quantico staff, who were released at the close of the operation at 5:00 p. m. EDT.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

On the evening of July 24, 1956, the following 3 offices were contacted and instructed to check and report back on the availability of their Agents on duty status in headquarters cities. The time within which all Agents were contacted is set forth below.

Office

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cc--Mr. Mohr
cc--Mr. Parsons
cc--Mr. McGuire
cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Baumgardner
cc--Mr. Roach

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Memorandum to Mr. Roach from Mr. Belmont

Inasmuch as there was an undue delay at the [redacted] the SAC was instructed to submit an explanation. A memorandum has been submitted, recommending censure for the SAC of the [redacted]

ODM REPORT

Our final daily report was sent to ODM on the afternoon of July 25, advising that all our problems had been completed, both those initiated by us and received from outside agencies, and that there were no unsolved problems relative to the exercise outstanding.

LIAISON

Our Liaison Agents advised us that activities at the other agencies were quiet. They were instructed to advise us as soon as the cessation of activities warranted their departure from the agencies. A separate memorandum has been drawn up, reflecting the times Liaison Agents departed from their agencies.

Liaison Agents ascertained in several instances the comments and observations of the other agencies concerning Operation Alert, 1956, which were being incorporated in the reports of the agencies. These comments were submitted by separate memoranda on the evening of July 24 and the morning of July 25, 1956, for the Director's assistance at the Heads of Agencies Meeting at the White House at 2:30 p. m., July 25, 1956.

Liaison reported to us that ODM was somewhat fearful the various agencies would close up at the relocation sites prior to 5:00 p. m. EDT. I mentioned this to the Director on the morning of July 25 and advised him that we will continue with a streamlined force until the close of the exercise.

NOTICE TO THE FIELD

All offices were advised by radio on the afternoon of July 25 that normal radio service should be resumed at 7:00 p. m. EST and that the Bureau's participation in Operation Alert, 1956, ceased as of 5:00 p. m. EDT, July 25.

Memorandum to Mr. Roach from Mr. Belmont

HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING, JULY 25, 1956

On the afternoon of July 24, 1956, we received a message from the White House Liaison, confirming the Heads of Agencies Meeting at 2:30 p.m. EDT, July 25, at the White House. The Director was invited to attend and confirmation was requested of acceptance by telephonic notification to White House Liaison Office, Arctic Extensions 532, 533 or 415. This information was furnished to the Bureau at 3:00 p.m., July 24, with advice that if the Director approved, we would notify White House Liaison that the Director would attend. The Director approved, and at 3:30 p.m. I called Arctic Extension 532, which responded, "White House Liaison," and advised that the Director would attend.

CONCLUSION

In discussion with the Director on the morning of July 25, I advised that it would not appear developments would warrant an additional summary report to him, setting forth the activities since our over-all summary submitted at 9:00 a.m. the morning of July 25 (dated July 24). Consequently, this memorandum is for record purposes, reflecting the activities since our previous summary, and need not be submitted to the Director.

The Bureau ceased activity at the relocation site at 5:00 p.m. EDT, July 25, 1956, insofar as Operation Alert, 1956, is concerned.

Attached hereto is a memorandum dated July 25, 1956, reflecting the Outside Problems subsequent to those listed in our over-all summary dated July 24, 1956.

~~TOP SECRET~~

CC - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Mohr
cc - Mr. Parsons
cc - Mr. McGuire
cc - Mr. Roach
cc - Mr. McArthur
cc - Mr. Baumgardner

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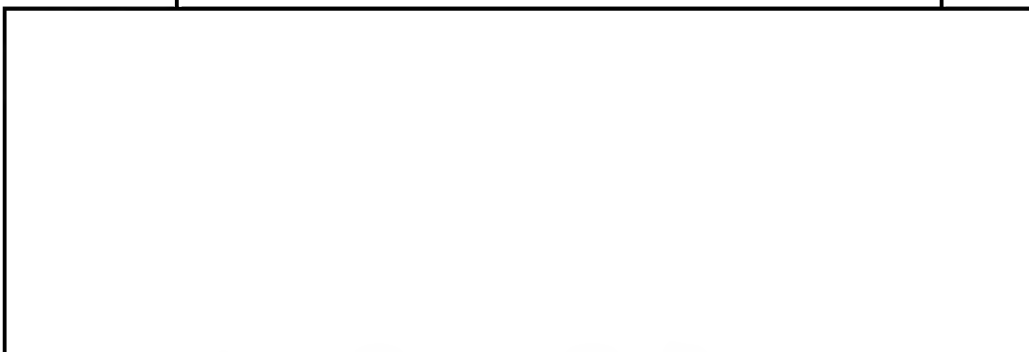
The Attorney General

Director, FBI

OPERATION ALERT - 1956

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 4/14/2010

Although Operation Alert - 1956 does not conclude until the afternoon of July 25, 1956, in view of the meeting at the White House today, I thought you would like to have a brief summary of the activities of this Bureau in connection with the exercise for the period July 23 through 24, 1956.



In view of the fact that Deputy Attorney General Rogers had notified us by teletype at 11:13 A.M. that the Department had authorized the institution of the Emergency Detention Program, we simulated launching the program at 12:29 P.M., utilizing teletype, radio and telephone in communicating with our 52 field divisions. All 52 offices had been reached by 2:46 P.M. and replies had been received back from all offices by 3:53 P.M. Due to the prompt authority received from the Attorney General to institute this Program, there was no delay involved.

We did run into delay in connection with the program to take into protective custody enemy diplomatic officials. At 12:15 P.M., we requested a decision from the Department of State as to whether the program should be implemented. Due to bad weather conditions, the Department of State did not become operational for several hours at its relocation site. It was not until 2:58 P.M. that authority was received and this program was launched at 3:12 P.M. Through our liaison representatives, at a conference at the

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YELLOW: Enclosure to memo to The Director from Mr. Belmont dated 7/24/56 re "Operation Alert, 1956: Summary Memorandum, July 20-24, 1956," AHB:LL.

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SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 1:53 PM
DATE 7-25-56
BY [signature]

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relocation site on July 22, we pointed out the embarrassment which could ensue if, under actual emergency conditions, a delay of this nature occurred, permitted enemy officials to disperse prior to apprehension. [redacted] has agreed to further examine this situation. In order to emphasize the importance of arriving at a prompt decision, we are calling this to the attention of the [redacted] reiterating the necessity of setting up internal machinery to resolve this matter promptly during an emergency.

A series of [redacted] prepared in advance and worked up during the exercise, simulated actual conditions which would face the FBI in a real emergency. Although we refrained from transmitting security information in carrying out these problems, actual conditions were simulated insofar as possible. This gave us a very thorough check of our communications system at our relocation site and in the field, requiring intercommunication between field offices, relocation sites, resident agencies and with other agencies. Through these problems, we provided a thorough check of alertness and speed of response of our field personnel and our communications systems.

In addition, we received [redacted] [redacted] than we received during Operation Alert - 1955. These problems covered a wide range of activities. In each instance, the problem was resolved promptly and, where necessary, contacts were made with other agencies and replies submitted to the original agency.

A record was maintained of all important proclamations, executive orders and instructions received during the exercise. These were analyzed for action insofar as they pertained to this Bureau.

Communications at our relocation site were highly effective. Teletype, telephone and radio systems were used heavily and thoroughly tested. Our microwave system was thoroughly tested. Our capability to handle volume was excellent and we could have handled more. The volume was far

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greater than during Operation Alert - 1955. The Signal Corps inspector assigned by the Office of Defense Mobilization to check our relocation site rated the Bureau outstanding in every phase of communications.

For your information, our Liaison Agents accompanied critical agencies to their relocation sites and were able to provide valuable services both to the Bureau and the agencies which they accompanied. Unlike the situation during Operation Alert - 1955, we had no difficulty contacting our liaison Agents. This would reflect an improvement in the communications systems of other agencies. We did experience a rather serious delay in the receipt of messages from some agencies during the early portion of the exercise. Undoubtedly this situation is known to you as Mr. Fleming of the Office of Defense Mobilization publicly commented on the delay in sending messages during the exercise.

You may be interested to know that Inspector William Boleyn, assigned to our relocation site during the entire period of the exercise, advised us that we were marked outstanding on all items except those requiring merely a yes or no answer, on which we received affirmative checks. He advised us that our operations this year are superior to last year and he considered our operations excellent in every respect. He stated this will be reflected in his written report.

As a matter of general observation, as far as the FBI is concerned, this exercise was too long. We worked most of our problems in the first two days and thoroughly tested our communications systems and the reaction time of our field offices under emergency instructions. Insofar as the practical value is concerned, we could have completed our tests and reported within three days.

It is fundamental that any exercise of such magnitude as this should be based on the most careful planning, with the advance instructions, directives, manuals, et cetera, based on the firmest possible foundation so that they are factual and understandable and will not be subject to change.

~~TOP SECRET~~

Letter to The Attorney General

We cannot help but feel that this was not true in this case as there were constant changes and shifts in instructions, rules and policy, which increased in rapidity as the time of the exercise approached. This engendered uncertainty which could not help but lend confusion and, thus, interfere with the goal of the exercise, namely, to clarify and bring about real understanding of the procedures and mechanics needed in a real emergency.

We took the opportunity during Operation Alert - 1956 to carefully examine our procedures and to view our entire operations from a critical standpoint to bring about improvement where necessary. Insofar as this Bureau is concerned, our operations ran smoothly and with dispatch. Our personnel approached the entire exercise with a sense of urgency and thoughtfulness and exhibited a fine spirit throughout.

I wish to assure you that this Bureau will continue to exert every effort to be fully prepared to carry out its responsibilities in the event of an actual emergency.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 6-27-56

FROM : R. L. Millen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] DICTOGRAPH SYSTEM

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Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Installation of the Director's Dictograph system [REDACTED] was completed 6-25-56. [REDACTED] constructed cabinet placed in the office of [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] of the desk. The unit is [REDACTED] staff stations, namely: Telephone [REDACTED]

The staff stations consist of [REDACTED] interchangeable cradle-type subsets, each equipped with a [REDACTED] When the system is in operation, the [REDACTED]

The new executive station operates in the same manner as the units presently installed in the Director's office. The chimes will "bong" once on an incoming call and a white flag will appear to indicate who is calling. The key must then be thrown to release the flag and answer the call. A microphone and loud-speaker are provided for normal conversation. If privacy is desired, the handset may be lifted from its cradle and used in the regular telephone manner. The lifting of the handset will cut off the amplifier and its associated microphone and loud-speaker. An outgoing call is made by throwing the key for the staff station desired. The white flag will then appear and remain until the called station answers.

A staff member may either call the executive station or answer it by simply lifting the handset from the cradle and talking. The push button and switch on each subset should be disregarded.

The main junction board is located [REDACTED] All cables and terminations are clearly identified. Talk current is supplied by four #6 1½-volt dry cells mounted in a box above the junction board. Ring current is normally supplied by a 12-volt power rectifier also mounted above the junction board. Emergency ring current can be obtained from [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Belmont (Attention: Mr. McArdle)

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eight #6 1½-volt dry cells in the battery box below the talk batteries by throwing a double-pole, double-throw switch mounted at one end of the battery box.

All equipment and circuits were tested and found to function in the proper manner upon completion of the installation and wiring.

ACTION:

Only five of the eight subsets have been received from Dictograph Corporation. This matter will be followed and the remaining three units taken [] and tested immediately upon receipt. b7E

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

See Me
Note and Return
Prepare Reply
For Your Recommendation
What are the facts?

Remarks: "Fall-out" at present some are
with him expected if he out.

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DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY
CONTAINED IN 66-17380-1717

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: **ATTACK WARNING CHANNELS AND
PROCEDURES FOR CIVILIANS**

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At the request of the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, the NSC Special Committee in the captioned matter, of which the Director, as IIC Chairman, is a member, has drawn up "terms of reference" specifically delimiting its functions. One copy of these is attached, and copies have been distributed to the other IIC members, who concur in them.

The "terms of reference" restrict the committee's function to interpretation and clarification of the chart prepared by the committee which outlines the various stages of warning of attack and the several responses by the general public. Specifically, FBI interest in this chart is limited to our participation in the Watch Committee which might provide strategic warning of an attack. There is nothing in these "terms of reference" which conflicts in any way with FBI or IIC interests.

Commander Beach, Naval Aide to the President, has asked for written concurrence from the committee members.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Commander Beach informing him that the IIC concurs in the proposed "terms of reference."

Enclosures (2)

1-Mr. Boardman
 1-Mr. Belmont
 1-Mr. McCardle
 1-Mr. Day
 1-Liaison Section

*The Watch Committee is a Subcommittee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee and "watches" world intelligence developments in an effort to detect signs of impending attack.

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